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## Representative Citizens

JOSEPH LONG THISTLE, M. D., comes of a notable Scotch-Irish ancestry, many of whom were pioneer settlers in the Ohio Valley at the beginning of last century, and all of them were thrifty and early acquired valuable real estate. His paternal grandfather, Sampson Thistle, after marriage near Cumberland, Md., brought his bride, on horseback, to a clearing and cabin which he had previously prepared, about two miles above Fishing Creek on the Virginia side of the Ohio, where they lived to a ripe old age and brought up a family of eleven children. Dr. Thistle at present owns one-half of these ancestral lands of nearly 900 acres.

Archibald Thistle, one of these children and father of the object of this sketch, entered his brother's store, as a partner, at the age of 18, and when 28 years old started in a general mercantile business at Sistersville, continuing uninterruptedly until his death at the age of 78. He was the wealthiest and one of the most respected citizens of his county. He was postmaster before, during and after the Civil War period, covering in all 25 years.

John McCoy, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Thistle, married Sarah Wells, one of the 22 children of Charles Wells, whose home was in what is now Brooke County, W. Va. To each of 20 of these children who lived to maturity their father gave a good river-bottom farm, most of which he secured by patent from the state; others he bought from prior owners. To his daughters, Sarah (Wells) McCoy and Ruth (Wells) Birkhead, he gave the northern half of a valley, just midway between Wheeling and Parkersburg. In course of time these sisters decided to lay out a town site, one-half of which should be upon either side of the line dividing their farms. After much discussion as to a name for the place Sarah suggested the appropriate and unique name of Sistersville, and so it is to this day. The said John McCoy was delegate to the legislature sitting at Richmond, Va., for five terms from the founding of his county of Tyler in 1815 until 1822. Sarah (Wells) Mc-

Coy was one of the founders and ever a leading supporter of the Presbyterian Church in Sistersville, organized in 1842, (and then a part of Washington, Pa., Presbytery,) until her death in 1888, at the age of 94 years.

In the fall of 1872 Joseph L. Thistle came from Sistersville, W. Va., where he was born in 1855, to Washington and entered the preparatory department of Washington-Jefferson College, and pursued the regular classical course, intending to be a physician, until impaired health compelled him to leave college shortly before the graduation of his Class of '78. Less than two years after his arrival here he united with the First Presbyterian Church, of which he was ordained a deacon soon after becoming a resident of the town some years later. While in college he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and of the Philo and Union Literary Society. After leaving college he was employed in surveying and engineering work, and in his father's store, until he entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, September, 1884, after nearly two years of preparatory study, and received a diploma from this famous institution in 1886, together with a gold medal, awarded in competition, for "the best thesis on a subject relating to obstetrics."

In 1879 he married Sarah Olivia Bell, daughter of John E. Bell, who occupied the offices of treasurer and prothonotary of this county, and was collector of internal revenue at the time of his death. To Dr. Thistle and wife were born six children, four of whom are living,—Archibald, who conducts a jewelry business at No. 36 North Main street, and Helen S., Catherine R. and Mildred B., who reside with their father at No. 41 E. Bean street. For some years after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thistle lived at Sistersville. But, immediately after completing some post-graduate work, following graduation from medical college he removed his family to Washington, Pa., and has resided here ever since. This was during the height of the oil excitement here and he soon had a good practice which he continued until

in the early nineties his father's failing health and added cares on account of oil and gas developments in Tyler County, compelled him to spend about one-half of the time away from home for the next ten years. His father died in 1896, leaving a considerable estate. After many years of great suffering from asthma, although relief was sought in many parts of the country, Mrs. Thistle passed to her reward in February, 1906. She was most relieved at Mt. Lake Park, Md., and here a comfortable home was established in 1897, where the family have spent most of the hottest months for the last 12 years.

In 1893 Washington-Jefferson College conferred upon Dr. Thistle the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He is a director in the Washington Trust Company, and in the Washington Electric Light and Power Company besides being a stockholder in several other banks and corporations of this and neighboring cities.

HON. JONATHAN ALLISON, deceased, who was one of Washington's most prominent citizens, formerly president of the Allison Land Company and vice-president of the Citizens' National Bank of Washington, for many years was active in the development of Washington County and its resources. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., February 3, 1828, and was a son of Thomas and Mary (Johnson) Allison. His death occurred December 17, 1908. He was of Scotch descent, his ancestors having left Scotland for North Ireland at an early day because of religious persecution. His grandfather, James Allison, was born in Ireland and emigrated to America in colonial days, and was one of the very earliest pioneers of Washington County, settling in the woods in 1773, and was a very important factor in its early development.

Jonathan Allison received an elementary education in the district schools of Chartiers Township and this was supplemented by a course in Jefferson College, which institution he entered at the age of seventeen years. He continued his studies there for two years, when, on account of the death of a brother, it was necessary for him to return home and for a number of years afterward he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He purchased a farm of 148 acres from William Hopkins, which was situated about one mile from his birth place, and after a residence there of eight years, bought a part of his grandfather's old farm, from the Andrew Allison estate. It was on this farm that his grandfather, late in the eighteenth century, had discovered coal, which was the first found in Washington County, and he mined some for use in blacksmithing, hauling it a considerable distance and selling it then for twenty-five cents a bushel. It was not until some years later that it was used for house fuel, and not until the advent of the Chartiers

Valley Railroad, in 1872, that it was mined on an extensive scale. With the construction of the railroad, Jonathan Allison saw the opportunity of developing the rich underlying vein, and he soon had operations under way that supplied the borough of Washington with bituminous coal, sold quantities at other near points and also shipped to lake ports, even as far as Chicago. He continued his activities in the coal business until 1891, employing some fifty men at the mines and shipping millions of bushels per annum. In that year he sold out to J. V. H. Cook & Sons, of Canonsburg, Pa., and retired from the coal business. In 1887 he moved his place of residence to Washington, purchasing the old Acheson homestead at No. 101 South Wade avenue, where his widow now resides. He entered actively into the affairs of the borough, and in 1886 became identified with one of its most substantial financial institutions, the Citizens' National Bank, of which he was one of the original stockholders, and later its vice-president.

On April 7, 1857, Mr. Allison was united in marriage with Miss Margaret G. Gabby, and to them were born the following children: Mary, who died at the age of four years; Maggie, who died at Canonsburg, was the wife of William Dickson; Albert; Thomas, who is deceased; Edward and William, twins, the former of whom is a practicing physician, a graduate of the Pittsburg Medical College; John B., who is teller in the Citizens' National Bank of Washington; Ralph, who is a well known attorney at law, practicing at Butler, Pa.; and Jennie. Of the above family, William Allison was drowned in 1881, on his way home from school, by accidentally falling from a foot log while he was crossing a creek.

In his political affiliation, Mr. Allison was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, since which time he was one of its adherents. He was elected to the office of school director the year he cast his first ballot and served in that capacity for many years. In 1872 and 1873, he served his township as justice of the peace, but resigned that office to accept that of State Representative, to which he was first elected in 1872, serving two terms in a manner which gained him the approval and good will of his constituents. During his tenure of office he was the only representative in the General Assembly from Washington County. He was long recognized as a man of exceptional ability and Washington County gladly accords him a place among her representative men.

WILLIAM ATEN, a prosperous farmer and life-long resident of Robeson Township, Washington County, Pa., with the heirs of his brother, John Aten, owns a farm of 123 acres, and comes of one of the old established families of the county. He was born March 1, 1842, a



son of Aaron and Mary (McMinn) Aten, who were the parents of six sons: William; Andrew and John, both deceased, were twins; Henry, Robert, and James, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who died when twenty months old. The parents of our subject, who were farmers by occupation, were members of the Presbyterian Church at Candor, where they were buried.

William Aten is of Holland Dutch extraction and his paternal grandparents were William and Jane (Smith) Aten, and the maternal grandparents were Andrew and Elizabeth McMinn. William Aten attended the common schools of the township for a short time and early in life began working on his father's farm, which was purchased by his grandfather, William Aten, in 1803, and after the death of his father, he and brother John, purchased the land from the other heirs. John Aten, brother of our subject, also resided on the farm until the time of his death, and was united in marriage with Margaret A. Bailey, a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Springer) Bailey. He is survived by his widow and five children: Mary Frances, Aaron, Earl Bailey, George and John, all of whom live on the farm with William Aten, our subject. Mr. Aten is one of the substantial farmers of the township, and possesses the esteem and respect of his fellow men.

HARRY T. GHRIST, funeral director and embalmer, who has been engaged in business at California, Pa., since 1901, is a native of this borough, born January 23, 1875, and is a son of Alfred B. and Allie V. (Phillips) Ghrist.

Alfred B. Ghrist was born and reared in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of James Ghrist, of Jefferson Township, Fayette County. James Ghrist and his sons were all stone masons, brick masons and contractors, and in 1871 they came to California and in 1872 erected the dormitory of the State Normal School. Alfred B. Ghrist was married after coming to California, to Miss Allie V. Phillips, a daughter of Everett Oxley Phillips. She was born and reared in Greene County, Pennsylvania, and still survives. Alfred B. Ghrist died in March, 1909.

Harry F. Ghrist attended the borough schools and later the State Normal School at California, leaving this institution in 1892, in his junior year, and then learned the art of photography, in 1894 taking charge of the Rodger gallery here, which he conducted for two years. He then started to learn his present business and prepared for the same by an experience of six years with S. W. Craft. In December, 1901, in partnership with Frederick S. Gleason, under the firm name of Ghrist & Gleason, Mr. Ghrist went into undertaking and since 1905 has been alone. Mr. Gleason retiring in that year in order to accept the position of director of music in

the public schools of Schenectady, New York. Mr. Ghrist is a qualified embalmer and he has provided every necessity and facility for funeral directing. As an honorable business man he stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He is the local health officer of the East Pike Run and Allen townships.

Mr. Ghrist was married to Miss Emma Aston, a daughter of Thomas Aston. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified fraternally with Piko Run Lodge, No. 491, Odd Fellows; with the F. O. E., at Brownsville; the Royal Arcanum, and Col. A. L. Hawkins Council, No. 334, J. O. A. M.

ROBERT R. HAYS, who is president of the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory, Pa., was born near Burgettstown, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of James S. Hays, who died at Burgettstown in 1907, in the eighty-second year of his age, and was interred at Fairview Cemetery, by the side of his wife, who had died two years previously. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

Mr. Hays was educated in the Burgettstown schools, McDonald Academy and Washington and Jefferson College, graduating with the degree B. S. at the latter in the class of 1902. He then registered as a law student under the late Joseph Hays, at Pittsburg, and then assisted in organizing the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory, Pa., and settled at Hickory where he is engaged in banking. He is one of the town's substantial citizens.

On July 11, 1906, Mr. Hays was married to Miss Jennie C. McMurray, a daughter of Capt. H. B. McMurray, and they have one daughter, Evelyn Jean. Mr. and Mrs. Hays are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he follows in the footsteps of his father, being a staunch Democrat. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and retains membership in his Greek letter society of college days.

W. K. GALBRAITH, deceased, was a prominent resident of Canonsburg for many years, where he served under several administrations as postmaster, for a long period was also a man of affairs in Washington County. He was born in Cross Creek village, Washington County, December 12, 1858, and was a son of James A. and Mary A. (Bebout) Galbraith, and a grandson of William and Isabella (Weleh) Galbraith, the latter of whom came to Washington County after their marriage in Scotland and settled in Smith Township.

W. K. Galbraith was reared at Cross Creek and Burgettstown, his parents removing to the latter place when he was ten years old. He attended the graded schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1878, and then entered the recorder's office, his father being recorder of Washington County at that time.

After the expiration of his father's term he continued in the office as clerk for a year and then located at Canonsburg. There he conducted a tobacco store for eight years, after which he was in the employ of the Central Grain Elevator Company of Pittsburgh until 1890. In that year he was first appointed postmaster at Canonsburg and later was made assistant county treasurer, in which office he served two terms. After retiring from the treasurer's office he was again appointed postmaster and was so serving when his death occurred on September 25, 1906. He was an honest and capable official and he was respected by his fellow citizens and esteemed by his friends.

On November 13, 1884, Mr. Galbraith was married to Miss Mary E. Munnell, a daughter of James Munnell, and they became the parents of the following children: James Lloyd, Katherine H., William K., Jr., Bella, Frank S. and A. Sheldon. Mr. Galbraith was succeeded as postmaster by his oldest son, James Lloyd, who was born September 21, 1885, and was appointed postmaster October 29, 1906. The late W. K. Galbraith was a member and liberal supporter of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his family also belong. He was a Republican. The family home is at No. 115 East College street, Canonsburg.

DAVID W. RASEL, president of the Farmers' National Bank of Claysville, Pa., and for many years a representative business man in Washington County, was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., December 23, 1859, and is a son of Frederick Rasel, who was an early settler in West Bethlehem Township and spent the remainder of his life there.

David W. Rasel is in large measure, a self-made man. He enjoyed many educational advantages, but he provided the larger number of these for himself. He started to teach school when only sixteen years of age, leaving the home farm about that time, and he attended the Pleasant Valley schools, the State Normal School at California, Pa., and Thiel College, in Mercer County, succeeding in graduating from the latter institution in 1882. Thus prepared he devoted himself to educational work for twenty terms of schools and during this period was principal of the West Alexander High School for four years. In 1898 he entered into the mercantile business at West Alexander and later was bookkeeper for the South Pittsburgh Iron Works at Claysville, since known as the Pennsylvania Bridge Company. In 1905 he embarked in a general hardware business at Claysville and in the same year became president of the Farmers' National Bank at this place, of which he was one of the organizers and has continued one of the directors. He is an able and astute business man and although his

interests are numerous, he holds them well in hand and enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence of his fellow citizens. He is active in the Democratic party and has served in local offices and for one year was president of the borough school board.

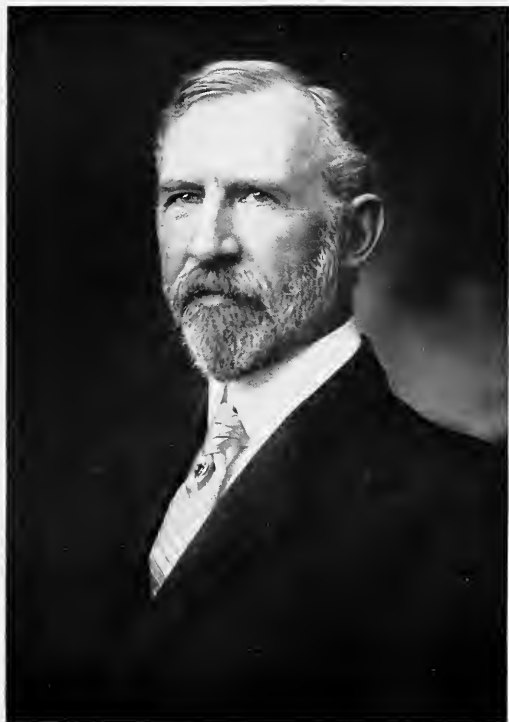
Mr. Rasel was united in marriage with Miss Jennie G. Hayburn, of Claysville, and they have one son, David M. Mr. Rasel is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Claysville and one of its elders. Mr. Rasel's promotion in life makes an interesting story because it tells how certainly industry, perseverance, courage and integrity are rewarded.

LESLIE G. MARPLE, a successful young business man of Canonsburg, who is a member of the well known grocery firm of Marple & Hamilton, was born in Wheeling, W. Va., August 10, 1884, and is a son of Benjamin and Hannah Jane (Van Eman) Marple, natives of West Virginia and for the past fourteen years residents of Canonsburg, Pa. Benjamin Marple, who has now reached his seventy-sixth year, has devoted his life to gardening. His wife is now fifty-five years old, and they have been the parents of ten children, namely: Monroe A., superintendent of the Ohio County Home, who married Nannie Garvin; Ella, deceased, who was the wife of Homer Little; George, who died young; John W., engaged in the mercantile business in Canonsburg, who married Mary E. Moore; Alvin, deceased; Melvin R., connected with the Philadelphia Gas Company, who married Margaret McCloy; Mary, who is the wife of Mr. Holmes, of Fairmont, W. Va.; James, deceased; Leslie G.; and Russell, who is a draughtsman for the Fort Pitt Bridge Works.

Leslie G. Marple received his education in the public schools of South Canonsburg, after leaving which he spent nine years in the employ of the Canonsburg Pottery, in the meantime learning the trade of pressman. On March 15, 1909, he succeeded his brother, John W. Marple, in the grocery firm, which since that time has been known under the style of Marple & Hamilton. This place of business is situated at the corner of College and Jefferson streets, and has a large patronage among the residents of the community. Both of the young partners are progressive and enterprising, and endeavor to give to their customers the full worth of their money, and as this manner of doing business is appreciated, the firm has prospered accordingly.

On August 17, 1905, Mr. Marple was united in marriage with Ida F. McCartney, daughter of Enoch and Mary McCartney, of Canonsburg, and one daughter, Florence E., has been born to the union. Mr. and Mrs. Marple are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg. He is a Republican.





JOHN H. MURDOCH

JAMES P. BRADEN, attorney at law, with office at No. 108 South Main street, Washington, Pa., is a representative of one of the old families of Western Pennsylvania, one which has had many distinguished members. He was born at Washington, October 8, 1871, and is a son of John D. and Anna C (Ruple) Braden.

James P. Braden was educated in the Washington schools and Washington and Jefferson College and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1895 and was admitted to the bar December 31, 1900, having completed his law course after he returned from serving as a soldier in the Spanish-American War. For that service he enlisted in the Tenth Pa. Volunteer Infantry, as a private and was advanced to be sergeant of his company. After he was honorably discharged at San Francisco, August 22, 1899, he immediately returned to Washington. He has built up a very satisfactory practice and is numbered with the ablest of the younger members of the Washington bar.

Mr. Braden was married to Mrs. Anna L. Schaulis, and they have one little daughter, Rebecca. Their beautiful home is located at No. 218 West Wheeling street, Washington.

JOHN H. MURDOCH, president of the Union Trust Company of Washington, Pa., and a prominent lawyer at the Washington County bar, has been an important factor in the business activities of this borough. He is a member of one of the oldest families of the county.

John Murdoch, his earliest ancestor in this country, was born in Scotland, but just prior to the Revolutionary War was recorded as a resident of Carlisle, Pa. In 1778 he moved to North Strabane Township, Washington County, and from that time the name of Murdoch has been honorably connected with Washington County history.

Alexander Murdoch, third son of John, was born at Carlisle, Pa., in 1770, and was 8 years of age when brought by his parents to Washington County. In early manhood he purchased the Canonsburg mills, together with a large tract of adjoining land. He possessed the commercial instinct and even at that early day carried on business enterprises successfully that older men had not yet thought of. He conducted both a mill and saddlery and loaded flat boats which he floated down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, where he found a market and then he returned on horseback, traversing hundreds of miles of wilderness. In 1809 he was appointed prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, and then it was that he took up his residence in the borough of Washington, in 1822 erecting a house which in later years became a part of the Hotel Main. He served as prothonotary until 1819, after which he engaged in mer-

cantile pursuits until 1828, when, with his family, he moved to what was known as the Morganza tract—400 acres of land situated two miles from Canonsburg— which he bought in that year. There he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1837. His widow survived him until 1863, dying at Canonsburg. In 1803 Alexander Murdoch married Elizabeth Henderson, a daughter of Rev. Matthew Henderson, of Chartiers Township, and to them were born eleven children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Mary M., widow of Hon. J. L. Gow; John R., Mrs. Sarah B. Musser, Mrs. E. W. Wilson, Esther Ann, Alexander, Jr., and James.

Alexander Murdoch, the second, the father of John H. Murdoch, was a successful lawyer at Washington, and for some years was in partnership with his brother-in-law, Hon. J. L. Gow. In April, 1861, he was appointed United States marshal for Western Pennsylvania, by President Lincoln, and was subsequently reappointed and served two years. In March, 1869, President Grant appointed him to the same office, one which he filled with entire efficiency until he resigned it in December, 1872. He was a man of brilliant talent and was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. He died April 14, 1903, in the 89th year of his age.

John H. Murdoch has been a resident of Washington all his life up to the present time. He is the third child of Alexander and Eliza Huey Murdoch. He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1869 and was admitted to the bar in 1874. Under the firm style of John H. Murdoch & Son, Mr. Murdoch is associated in the practice of law with his son, Edgar B., who was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1896 and was admitted to the bar in 1899. The firm is a representative one at Washington and maintains offices at No. 86 North Main street. Mr. Murdoch has also many other interests, owning a large amount of valuable realty and serving as president of the Thorneycroft Land Company and treasurer of the Murdoch-Baldwin Oil Company. He has been president of the Union Trust Company since its organization, and is president of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company, having succeeded his father in that capacity at the time of the latter's death. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Washington Seminary for many years, taking an active part in its work. He is one of the directors of the Pittsburg Life & Trust Company of Pittsburg and a member of the finance committee of the company. He is also president of the Waynesburg Water Company of Waynesburg, Pa., and vice president of the Citizens' Water Company of Washington.

Mr. Murdoch was married January 8, 1874, to Martie Boyle, of Allegheny City, Pa., and their family consists of four children, viz.: Edgar B., May H. (married

to Rev. W. M. French), Anna V. and John H., Jr. Their home has been since 1874 at No. 313 North Main street.

Mr. Murdoch is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington, in which he has held the office of an elder for over 25 years.

SAMUEL FARRER, SR., one of the good, reliable citizens of Independence Township, who is cultivating an excellent farm of 172 acres, was born May 25, 1831, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Andrew and Eliza (Buchanan) Farrer.

Andrew Farrer, who was a blacksmith by trade, followed that occupation until 1850, in which year he commenced agricultural pursuits and continued until his death in 1866. He was buried at Upper Buffalo Cemetery, as was also his widow, who passed away in 1893. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel; Robert B. and David M., both of whom are deceased; Joseph A., who died when small; and Ezra L., residing in Missouri.

Samuel Farrer received his education in the common schools of his native locality, leaving school to learn the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until his father purchased a farm. On this he worked until 1856, in which year he was married, and after that event he became a tenant farmer in Buffalo and Hopewell Townships. In 1870 he went back to the home farm, of which he had charge for three years, then bought his present farm, which at that time consisted of 144 acres, and to this he has since added twenty-eight acres. He has carried on a general line of farming and has specialized in sheep raising. Although past seventy-eight years of age, Mr. Farrer is in the best of health and in possession of all his faculties, and is able to carry on his duties on the farm every day, attributing his present excellent physical condition to the fact that he has always lived a hearty, out-of-door life and has never indulged to excess in spirituous liquors. He is one of the prominent farmers of his section and a well-known member of the grade at Independence.

In 1856, Mr. Farrer was married to Mary Dnukle, daughter of John and Eleanor (McLaughlin) Dnukle, farming people of Hopewell Township, and to this union there were born children as follows: Ellen, and J. Addison, who reside at home; Nettie B., who married C. L. Grimes, a general storekeeper at Coon Island, Washington County; Andrew C., a leading merchant of West Middletown, who started in business in 1908 and now has a large trade; Abraham Lincoln, a successful merchant of Wolfstown, Canton Township; John, a carpenter of Buffalo village; James, who died at the age of about eight years; Samuel, Jr., also a carpenter, residing at home; Martha, who married Ernest Smith, operates a farm adjoining that of Mr. Farrer in Independence

Township; and Emma, residing at home. The mother of these children died August 20, 1890, and was buried at West Middletown Cemetery.

Mr. Farrer is connected with the United Presbyterian Church at Mount Hope, in which for many years he served as trustee. A Republican in politics, he has been prominent in the ranks of his party, serving as county commissioner from 1894 to 1897, as justice of the peace from 1889 to 1894, as supervisor for one term, and as school director and judge of election for a number of years.

M. W. SCOTT, a representative business man of Burgettstown, carrying on a large trade in furniture, wall paper and carpets, was born in Smith Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 7, 1856, and is a son of Robert K. Scott.

M. W. Scott attended school in Burgettstown, during boyhood and youth, after which he assisted his father on the home farm in Smith Township, for some years. In 1887 he embarked in the furniture business at Burgettstown and has added to his original stock and now does a large amount of dealing, his patronage coming from the town and also from the adjacent country.

On January 18, 1888, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Sarah E. Dornan, a daughter of William Dornan, and they have the following children: William R. K., F. Donn, Pamela M., M. Burt, C. Denny, R. Lauretta, K. Leroy, Wylie F., Lila and Lena, twins, and Harry McKee. All survive with the exception of Lena, a large, healthy, happy, intelligent family. Mr. Scott and wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown, of which he is one of the trustees. In politics he is a Democrat and was formerly a member of the town council and of the school board. He is also serving as one of the directors of the Union Agricultural Association.

JESSE Y. SCOTT, M. D., one of Washington County's prominent and able physicians and surgeons, has been engaged in active practice in the borough of Washington, for almost a score of years. He was born in Fallowfield Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 13, 1848, and is a son of Joseph A and Eliza (Sheplar) Scott, who long were honored and esteemed residents of Washington County.

From the common schools of Fallowfield Township, Dr. Scott, as an ambitious youth, took up the higher branches of study in the Southwestern State Normal School, at California, Pa., and in 1870 commenced his medical studies. These he pursued under the supervision of Dr. J. H. Leyda, of Bentleyville, and when sufficiently prepared, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. With hon-

orable mention he was graduated from that institution in 1875, and immediately thereafter started into practice at Centerville, Washington County. He remained two years at Centerville, practiced one year at Pittsburg and eleven years at Bentleyville, and then came to Washington. His success has been exceptional both from the standpoint of professional achievement and in a financial way. Associated with him is Dr. Donohoo, and they maintain a fine suite of offices at Nos. 211-213 Washington Trust Building. He is a director of the Washington Trust Company, the Washington Electric Light and Power Company, and is financially interested in other successful business enterprises of the borough.

On June 16, 1881, Dr. Scott was married to Miss Ella M. McLean, a daughter of Henry B. McLean, of Beallsville, who formerly served in the office of county commissioner. Dr. and Mrs. Scott have a beautiful home, their residence being located at No. 498 East Maiden street. They are active members of the Central Presbyterian Church. In politics, Dr. Scott is a Republican. His fraternal connections are with several medical organizations and with the order of Heptasophus.

J. HARPER WALLACE, one of Washington County's prominent citizens, residing on his valuable farm of 163 acres, which is situated in Canton Township, adjoining the corporation limits of Washington, is president of the Dunbar-Wallace Company, of Washington, and president of the Crafton Builders' Supply Company, of Crafton, Pa. Mr. Wallace was born in North Fayette Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., January 19, 1849.

Mr. Wallace was afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth, receiving academic training in several well known institutions. In 1889 he purchased his present farm in Canton Township and has made it his home ever since. He takes an interest in fine stock, particularly horses, and is credited with having one of the best driving teams in the county.

In 1870, Mr. Wallace was married (first) to Miss Louise Donaldson, who died in 1871, leaving one son, Joseph D. At the time of his decease, he was a physician of high standing and was professor of anatomy in Jefferson Medical College. In 1873, Mr. Wallace was married (second) to Miss Jennie B. Oliver, of Allegheny County, and to this marriage six children were born, namely: J. W., who is secretary and treasurer of the Dunbar & Wallace Lumber Company and of the Crafton Builders' Supply Company; O. C., who is connected with the Dunbar & Wallace Lumber Company; John H., who is a graduate of Princeton University, is manager of the Crafton Builders' Supply Company; Robert, who is interested in the management of the farm; Frank M., who is a student in Washington and Jefferson College; and Alice, who resides at home. Mr. Wallace and family

are members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. Praternally he is an Elk.

WILLIAM V. CALDWELL, who resides on his fine farm of ninety acres, in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born on a farm, about two miles east of Buffalo village, October 27, 1855, and is a son of Robert S. and Caroline (Vance) Caldwell.

The Caldwell family is a very old one in Washington County, Samuel Caldwell, grandfather of William V., being an early resident of Hopewell Township. Robert S. Caldwell was born in Hopewell Township, December 9, 1820, and lived on a part of the same farm until he retired and moved to Buffalo, where he died, December 7, 1903, and his burial was in the Upper Buffalo Cemetery. The children born to Robert S. Caldwell and his wife were: Hannah J., who married Robert G. Maxwell; Margaret, who is the widow of John W. Stewart, of Buffalo Township; William V.; Samuel, who died aged twenty-four years; and Carrie, who was six months old at the time of her death.

William V. Caldwell attended the public schools until old enough to take on himself the management of the home farm and he has continued in agricultural pursuits ever since. He is executor of his father's estate. He remained on the home place until 1906 when he moved to Buffalo village. He located on his present farm adjoining the village in April, 1909.

Mr. Caldwell was married December 3, 1885, to Miss Allie M. Patterson, a daughter of Moses and Grisella (McComb) Patterson, of Cross Creek Township. The father of Mrs. Caldwell died February 7, 1906, the mother having passed away May 27, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have one son, Robert Vance Caldwell, who was born October 1, 1894. Mrs. Caldwell has one sister and one brother: Lettie, who is the wife of J. C. Blaney, of Buffalo; and James W., who resides at Coon Island, Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are members of the Upper Presbyterian Church of Buffalo and Mrs. Caldwell belongs to the church missionary society. Mr. Caldwell takes no active interest in politics and cares for no political favors. He casts his vote with the Republican party and has served on the township election board. He is one of the stockholders in the Buffalo Telephone Company.

JOHN I. CARSON, who, for many years has been prominently identified with the affairs of Washington, Pa., is a representative member of the Washington County bar and is a leading factor in Republican politics. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., October 21, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Anna (Brown) Carson.

John I. Carson was reared to school age on the home farm, and after completing the common school course

near home, entered West Alexander Academy, and when sixteen years old, Waynesburg College. After leaving college he taught school in Ohio and Marshall counties, West Virginia, and then in Peoria County, Illinois. In 1875 he returned to his old home and was married in that year and after that settled down to farming in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He continued there some five years and then moved to Philadelphia, where he was employed for one year as a clerk in a commission house. In 1882 he became principal of the public schools of West Alexander and as an educator became well known. In July, 1891, he came to Washington Borough, where he entered into partnership with J. W. Murray, in the insurance, real estate and loan business. In the meanwhile he prepared for admission to the bar of Washington County under Attorney James Q. McGiffin and subsequently was admitted to practice. He maintains his offices at Rooms 208-209 in the Brown building, Washington.

Mr. Carson, however, is a man of versatile talents and has not confined himself to the practice of his profession. He is an enthusiastic Republican and many times has been elected to important offices on the Republican ticket. In 1887 he was elected a justice of the peace at West Alexander and served in that capacity until 1892; during 1892-1893, he was secretary of the Republican county committee; and on January 1, 1893, he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for the 23d district, having charge of the 7th division, which embraces Washington, Greene and a part of Fayette counties. In 1900, Mr. Carson was elected prothonotary of Washington County, at which election he led the ticket, and was re-elected to that office in 1903 and again led the ticket, with an increased majority, and served with marked efficiency through his second term, retiring on January 1, 1906.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. Carson was married to a native of his own county and State, Miss Josephine M. Whitham, a daughter of Perry Whitham. They have had the following children: Ross Milligan, Glenn Pere, Murial Joy, Salome and Denton B. The youngest son was accidentally killed by the railroad in 1908. Mr. Carson and family reside at No. 121 LeMoine avenue. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM BAILEY, who passed out of this life January 27, 1880, was for many years one of the most prominent and substantial farmers of Robeson Township, and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Ackleson) Bailey. Mr. Bailey was a man of public spirit and enterprise. During his early life, politically he was a Whig, but later a Democrat, and served in various township offices, including assessor and treasurer, and was for twenty-two years constable. He was married in 1848 to Mary Ann Spring-

er, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (McMurtrie) Springer, and to them were born three children: Margaret, who is the widow of John Eaton, is the mother of the following children: Mary, Aaron, Earl, George and John: Joseph S., our subject; and Rachel Jane.

Joseph S. Bailey was born on his present farm in Robeson Township, November 28, 1850, and since completing his education in the common schools of the township, has always engaged in agricultural pursuits on the home farm in Robeson Township, where he and his sister Rachel have spent their entire lives. The farm, which consists of 102 acres, was inherited by the three children of William Bailey, who still own the land between them, and they also inherited another farm of forty-two acres from the father. Joseph S. Bailey is engaged in dairying in connection with his farming interests and ships his produce to Pittsburg from Midway. He keeps about twenty head of cattle and makes a specialty of raising Holstein cattle.

Mr. Bailey is politically a Democrat and has served nine years as auditor, his present term in that office expiring in the spring of 1910, and he has also served as judge and inspector of elections.

JAMES I. BROWNSON, member of the firm of Donnans, Brownson & Miller, one of the leading law firms of Washington, Pa., has been in practice in this city throughout his professional career and has a wide acquaintance through the county. He was born at Washington, Pa., in 1856, and is a son of Rev. James I. Brownson.

Rev. James I. Brownson was a native of Franklin County, Pa., and in 1849 moved to Washington to accept the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, and he filled the pulpit of that church continuously for a period of 50 years, resigning Jan. 1, 1899. His death occurred July 4, 1899. He was an able, scholarly and conscientious man and lives in the memory of the people of this community.

James I. Brownson, Esq., was reared in Washington and was educated in the public schools and in Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated in 1875. He registered as a law student with Alexander Wilson and was admitted to the bar in 1878, since which time he has been in continuous practice at Washington and with eminent success. He is a member of the Washington County and Pennsylvania State Bar Associations. He was president of the council of South Washington before it became a part of the city, and also served several terms as solicitor for Washington County. He is a director of the Washington Trust Company; a member of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College; a member of the Archeological Institute of America; of the National





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Geographical Society; and of the American Forestry Association. In religious attachment, Mr. Brownson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is secretary of the Sunday school.

CHARLES FRANCIS LINN, M. D., superintendent of the Monongahela Memorial Hospital, is a native of Washington, Pa., where he was born August 20, 1874, and is a son of Alonzo and Rebecca E. (Fulton) Linn.

Prof. Alonzo Linn, the father of our subject, who was born in Butler County, Pa., came when a boy of twelve years to the vicinity of Monongahela where he was reared and later became an instructor in the Washington-Jefferson College, in which capacity he served until the time of his death, September 24, 1901, at the age of seventy-four years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rebecca E. Linn, a resident of Washington, and four children: George Thomas, Andrew M., Harry H., and Charles Francis, our subject.

Dr. Charles F. Linn was reared in Washington, where he attended the Washington Preparatory School, later graduating from the college with the class of 1895. He then took a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1898 and spent the following year in the hospital at Pottstown. In October, 1899, he came to Monongahela City, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he has been highly successful, his office being located on Main street. He is a member of the Washington County, and the Pennsylvania Medical associations, and in politics, is an adherent of the Republican party.

On November 15, 1908, Dr. Linn was joined in marriage with Henrietta L. McKennan, who is a daughter of Dr. Thomas McKennan, of Washington, and their residence is located on the corner of Chess and Third streets.

DAVID M. McCLOSKEY, one of the leading attorneys and city solicitor of Charleroi, Pa., who has been a resident here for the past seven years, was born March 6, 1879, in Elk County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Frank P. and Jennie L. (Poland) McCloskey, both natives of the Wyoming Valley, near Wilkesbarre, Pa. The father of our subject is the manager of the Charleroi Real Estate and Insurance Company, and is one of the prominent business men of the city.

David M. McCloskey was born in Elk County, Pennsylvania, where his parents were visiting at that time, but was reared at Lock Haven, Pa., where he attended the common schools and graduated from the high school at the age of seventeen years. He graduated from the New York University with the degrees of L. L. B. and L. L. M., was admitted to the bar of New York City, and for one year engaged in the practice of his pro-

fession in that city, but for the past seven years has been a resident of Charleroi, where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law. He has for three years been city solicitor of Charleroi, is attorney for and director of many corporations, including the First National Bank of Charleroi, the Charleroi Savings & Trust Company, Mercantile Bridge Company, Charleroi Lumber Company, Walton Lumber Company, and others. Mr. McCloskey has his offices on Fifth street. He is affiliated with the Elks, is a Knight Templar, Mason, and belongs to the Mystic Shrine, and is identified with the University and the Duquesne clubs, of Pittsburgh. His religious connection is with St. Mary's Episcopal Church of which he is one of the Vestrymen.

HON. JOHN BIRCH, deceased, was once one of Washington County's most prominent citizens, serving in many offices of responsibility and ably representing his district in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania. He was born near Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., August 5, 1810, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Birch.

The paternal grandfather was John Birch and he was born in Ireland, but was of Scotch descent. He served twelve years as a soldier in the British Army. In his native country he married Jane Bright and in 1801 they emigrated to America, settling first in Cumberland County, Pa., but later moving to Amwell Township, in Washington County. By trade he was a weaver and during his lifetime it was a fairly profitable one. His children bore the following names: William, Valentine, James, Jane, John, David, Thomas and Ann.

William Birch, the eldest of the above family, became the father of John Birch. He was born at Belfast, Ireland, February 3, 1788, accompanied his parents to America thirteen years later and completed his school attendance in Cumberland County, Pa. He learned to weave and in his early business life was associated with a Mr. Campbell in the manufacture of cloth. In 1818 he moved with his family to Amwell Township, Washington County, settling on a farm but removing two years later to a farm in Canton Township, four years later to Buffalo Township, and in 1835 to Holmes County, Ohio. After the death of his wife, in 1844, he moved to Fulton County, Ill., but returned to Ohio and resided at Birmingham until his decease, April 20, 1879. In politics he was an Old-line Whig and in religion he was a staunch Presbyterian. He married Elizabeth Mitchell, who was born in Cumberland County in 1791, a daughter of John Mitchell, who, like John Birch, was of Irish birth but of Scotch ancestry. To William and Elizabeth Birch were born the following children: John, Mary, William, David, George Bright, Thomas L., Drusilla, Margaret J., Mitchell, Joseph and Elizabeth.

John Birch obtained his education in the common and subscription schools and when sixteen years old was apprenticed to John Sharp, a neighboring tanner, with whom he worked four years as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman. In 1832 he went to Claysville and after working for a short time for a local tanner, he opened a tannery of his own and conducted it for more than fifty years, at the end of that period retiring from active business. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. Being a man of sterling integrity and possessing intellect and education above the majority of his neighbors, was frequently called upon to accept official duties. In 1848 he was elected a county commissioner and served three terms in that office; in 1860, was census enumerator in his section; served five terms as a justice of the peace and finally was elected to the State Legislature by a majority of more than 100 votes, and that in a strong Republican county.

On May 5, 1835, Mr. Birch was married to Miss Harriet Reed, a daughter of James Reed. She was born October 15, 1815, in Amwell Township, and died June 14, 1877. To this union were born the following children: George W. F., born February 26, 1837, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and is a Presbyterian minister; Francis A., born April 26, 1840, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, died September 13, 1863; William T., born September 2, 1842, died February 4, 1864; Edward P., born February 1, 1845, died in 1847; Henry B., born January 9, 1849; John M., born July 7, 1851, was educated in Washington and Jefferson College; Elizabeth M., born June 1, 1854, married Rev. J. J. McCarrell, of McKeesport; Thomas F., who is a prominent attorney at Washington; and Harriet J., who was born January 9, 1860, and married Frank T. Wray. On February 28, 1882, John Birch was married (second) to Miss Elizabeth Todd, of Beaver Falls, Pa. She was a daughter of Dr. Samuel P. and Susan (Kerr) Todd. Dr. Todd was a native of New York and his wife of New Jersey. He was a successful medical practitioner in New York for many years. Mr. Birch was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a member of the board of trustees.

Thomas F. Birch, the youngest son of the late Hon. John Birch, was born May 18, 1856. After completing the classical course at Washington and Jefferson College, he prepared for the law and was admitted to the bar and has been identified with a large amount of the important legal business in the county courts for years. His offices are 208-210 Washington Trust Building.

THOMAS SCOTT, one of the prominent agriculturists of Donegal Township, now operating an excellent farm of 102 acres, has been a resident of this township since 1888, and comes of an old and honored family of Scotch

extraction. He was born in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., March 16, 1846, and is a son of Archibald and Margaret (Carlisle) Scott, the former a native of Hopewell Township and the latter of Carroll County, Ohio.

Thomas Scott, the grandfather of Thomas, was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., from whence he came in 1812 with his parents to Washington County, settling in the woods of Hopewell Township, where his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. His son, Archibald, who died in May, 1908, also devoted his active life to farming and stock raising, and was a prominent man in his day, serving as road supervisor and constable for a number of years. Of the children born to him and his wife the following survive: Thomas; Rachel A., widow of Lemuel Liggett, of West Middletown, Pa.; Elizabeth J., widow of John Shaler, of Donegal Township; Isabella, wife of John A. Kerns, of Pittsburg; James A., of Canton, Ohio; and Sarah M., of Wheeling, W. Va. Two children, Mary and Alvina, are deceased.

Thomas Scott received his education in the district schools of his native township, and as a youth worked on his father's farm. His entire life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, and since 1888 he has carried on operations in Donegal Township, having located on his present fine farm in 1903. He has been successful in his efforts, and is ranked among the leading farmers of his township.

Mr. Scott was married to Clara A. Barr, who was born in Buffalo Township, Washington Co., Pa., daughter of the late James Barr, formerly a well known citizen of Buffalo Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott the following children have been born: Joseph W., of Claysville, Pa.; Anna B., the wife of W. M. Rice, of Claysville; Fannie L., the wife of George Shaler, of Donegal Township; William C., of Claysville; Rosa, wife of Alva Garrison, residing in Ohio County, W. Va.; Mary J., wife of Clinton Curtis, of Donegal Township; James A., residing in Ohio County, W. Va.; Robert W., also of Ohio County; Ella, wife of Frank Howard, of Donegal Township; Ruth A., wife of Thomas Scott, of West Finley Township; and Adda, deceased.

Mr. Scott has served two terms as school director in Donegal Township, and is known as a very public-spirited citizen. He is a member of Hopewell Lodge, No. 504, I. O. O. F., at Claysville, Pa., and he and his wife belong to the Christian Church. Mr. Scott was born on the farm on which the first Christian church in the United States was built, on Brush Run, Hopewell Township.

HAROLD ALEXANDER HAMILTON, a progressive and enterprising young business man of Canonsburg is the junior member of the grocery firm of Marple & Hamilton, one of the newer business concerns of the city.

He was born at Linden, North Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of James A. and Anna R. (Summey) Hamilton.

James A. Hamilton, father of Harold A., was born in 1857, in Nottingham Township, Washington County, and is a son of James A. and Lucy (Bushyager) Hamilton, who were originally of Butler County. James A. Hamilton the second, is a prosperous farmer in North Strabane Township. He married Anna R. Summey, a daughter of William B. and Ruth (Gamble) Summey, and they have five children, namely: Eva A., who is the wife of Philip Templeton, of Oakmont; Harold Alexander; Wallace G., who is a farmer in North Strabane Township, married Angelina L. DeVore; and Hallic W. and James Wray, both of whom reside at home.

Harold Alexander Hamilton received a good public school education, leaving his books in 1902, after graduating from the Washington Business College. He worked on the farm and at the carpenter trade for some eighteen months and then turned his attention to merchandising, on March 15, 1909, becoming a partner with Leslie G. Marple, under the firm name of Marple & Hamilton, the two young men succeeding John W. Marple. The business is in a prosperous condition and the up-to-date manner in which it is conducted, together with the fine line of goods carried, has secured the liberal patronage of the public. Politically, Mr. Hamilton is a Republican. He is a member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church. He belongs to a family noted for its longevity, his paternal grandparents living to be eighty-two and eighty-one years, respectively, and his maternal grandparents to be ninety and eighty-two years.

HUGH LEE, SR., a highly respected retired citizen of near Burgettstown, Pa., who formerly carried on large agricultural operations in Cross Creek Township, where he still retains the ownership of two valuable farms aggregating 220 acres, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., in the residence now occupied by his brother, W. Craig Lee, July 11, 1837. His parents were Maj. William and Jane (Craig) Lee.

The first of this branch of the Lee family was Hugh Lee, who came from Ireland to America in 1789, and they first settled in the vicinity of Canonsburg. He later purchased 219 acres of land of William McFarren in Cross Creek Township, this land being known as Holmes' Victory. James Holmes made settlement in 1774, and received a Virginia certificate in 1780. A part of the tract was sold in 1808 to William McFarren, and he sold it to Hugh Lee as above related, and this tract is still owned by the Lee descendants. This pioneer lived here until his death about the year 1815, and his remains lie in the old burying ground at Cross Creek. He and his wife Mary had a family of five sons and three daughters,

one of whom, a son, Hugh Lee, who was born in Ireland, was three years of age at the time of the arrival of the family in this country. He was the only one of the children to remain at home and at their deaths he became the owner of the home farm. He married in 1804, Hannah Orr, who was from Hollidays Cove, W. Va., and they had a family of ten children. He remained on the home place until his death in 1837, and was survived many years by his widow who died in 1882, in the ninety-fifth year of her age. She was the last of the original members belonging to the Church of Cross Creek at the settlement of Rev. John Stockton, D.D.

Maj. William Lee was born on the home place in Cross Creek Township, in 1807, and his entire life was passed on this place, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He held a commission as major in the State militia from Gov. David R. Porter. He was an elder in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church from 1858 until his death, his father and grandfather also having been elders of that church before him. He was married in 1836, to Jane Craig, eldest daughter of Hon. Walter Craig, of Cross Creek. They became parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Hugh Lee, subject of this record; Elizabeth Mary, widow of Hon. John N. McDonald; West Anna, deceased wife of R. V. Johnson, of Washington, Pa.; W. Craig Lee, who lives on the old home place; Hannah, widow of Samuel Sturgeon; and John S., who lives in Cross Creek Township. The death of Maj. William Lee occurred in 1888, and he was buried in the cemetery in Cross Creek, as was his widow, whose death occurred in 1890. Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in 1886.

Hugh Lee, the direct subject of this sketch, attended the district schools and then took a business course in Duff's Commercial College, at Pittsburg, where he was graduated. From the age of twenty-two years he has been interested in farm pursuits. For many years he gave much attention to the sheep industry and found it profitable. He was one of the organizers of the Washington National Bank at Burgettstown and is a large stockholder. In his early political life he was a Whig, but when the Republican party was organized he became identified with it. On many occasions, Mr. Lee's fellow citizens honored him by electing him to responsible township offices and he frequently served as a member of the board of education, as supervisor and judge of elections and for four years was school treasurer.

In October, 1868, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Marian E. Stockton, who died in 1892. She was a daughter of Rev. Dr. John and Nancy (Clark) Stockton, of Cross Creek Township. They had two children: Nancy E. and Alvin C. Mr. Lee's only daughter resides at home. She attended school at Pittsburg and is a graduate of the Hollidaysburg Ladies' College, where she excelled in

drawing and painting. The only son is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Mansfield, Ohio. He attended the district schools and Grove City College, where he was creditably graduated and then entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated with honors and was selected by his class as class poet. He remained as an interne in the Philadelphia Hospital for a year, and then took a post-graduate course in surgery. In 1900 he located at Mansfield and his advancement in his profession has been steady and substantial. He there married Miss Hattie Niman and they have a little daughter of three years with the name of Marian. Mr. Lee and family attend the Presbyterian Church.

MAJ. ANDREW GARDNER HAPPER, a prominent resident of Washington, who has an honorable record for service in the Civil War, has been extensively engaged in the real estate and insurance business in that borough since 1871. He has been closely identified with the important interests of the county, has a wide circle of acquaintances, and stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He was born in Union Township, Washington Co., Pa., August 15, 1839, and comes of a family which has long been established on American soil and in Washington County. He is a son of John Arrell and Violet (Gardner) Happer, and a grandson of Baptist and Ann (Arrell) Happer.

John Happer, great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was born in 1745, and died August 25, 1818. He was married March 17, 1773, to Margaret Patton, who was born in 1753 and died May 12, 1839. They had the following children: Andrew, born February 15, 1779; Agnes, born February 21, 1781, died August 23, 1850; Baptist, born July 15, 1783, died July 4, 1833; John, Jr., born January 14, 1786, died August 8, 1808; Jane, born May 16, 1789, died November 24, 1791; Samuel, born June 14, 1791, died April 30, 1812; and Jane, the second of the family to bear that name, was born September 11, 1793, and died November 26, 1819.

Baptist Happer was married September 27, 1808, to Ann Arrell, who was born in Pennsylvania, February 9, 1784, and died at Mt. Hope, January 19, 1848. Their children were: Sarah, born September 11, 1809, became the wife of Rev. Thomas Galt and lived in Sangamon County, Ill.; John Patton, born March 16, 1811; Samuel, born April 13, 1812, married Sarah Curry; John Arrell, born October 1, 1816; Andrew Patton, born October 20, 1818, married Elizabeth Ball; James Edward, born February 2, 1821, married Mary Gardner; and Mary Jane, born June 12, 1823, married David Breadding Arrell.

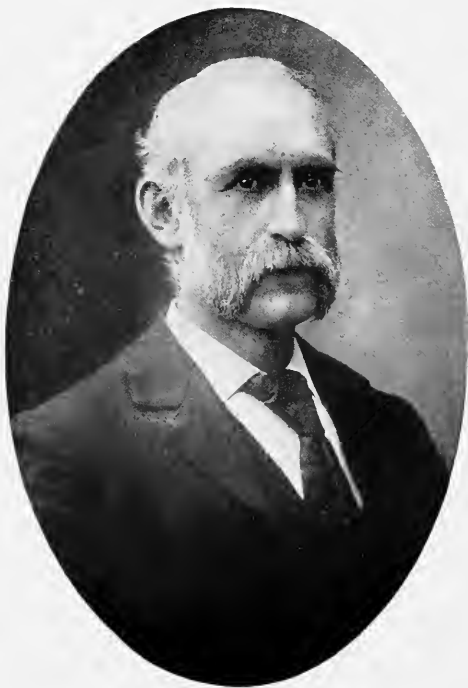
John Arrell Happer was married May 10, 1838, to Miss Violet Gardner, who was born March 24, 1818, and they

lived in Union Township, Washington County, on the old homestead until their respective deaths, he dying in 1890. The issue of their union was: Andrew Gardner, our subject; Anna Margaret, born October 14, 1841, who became the wife of Rev. John J. Beacom, a Presbyterian minister of Allegheny County, Pa.; Mary Belle, born October 12, 1843, became the wife of Dr. George Chessuan also of Allegheny County; James Breadding, born June 25, 1846; Francis A., born January 10, 1848; married Emily Foster and lives in Mobile, Ala.; Oliver Panlinus, born May 22, 1850; Sarah Elizabeth, born March 12, 1853; John Wilner, born January 23, 1858; and Ella Blanche, born February 19, 1860.

Maj. Andrew G. Happer received a superior educational training in the district schools and Washington and Jefferson College, in which he matriculated in 1859. Before the completion of his college course, his patriotism led him to forego his ambitions as a student, and in August, 1861, he enlisted in Co. K, 1st Pa. Vol. Cav. He was mustered into the service as a private, September 6, 1861, and on March 11, 1862, was transferred to Co. G, 11th Pa. Vol. Inf., with the rank of first lieutenant; was promoted to captain of Co. I, of the 11th Pa. Vol. Inf.; and was honorably discharged November 7, 1865, with the rank of major. He was in many of the most important engagements of the war, and throughout his service was with the Army of the Potomac. Among the most important battles in which he participated may be mentioned the following: Thoroughfare Gap, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, each one of which claimed its hundreds of victims. At Antietam, Maj. Happer was slightly wounded but nevertheless kept in the ranks, but was more seriously injured at the battle of the Wilderness, on May 5, 1864, when he was not only taken captive by the enemy but received a wound from a bullet which his body carries to the present day. Upon receiving his honorable discharge from the army he returned to Washington County and shortly afterward was appointed assessor of internal revenue, and, during his period in office, from 1866 until 1871, he resided in Monongahela City. He then returned to Washington where he has since lived, engaging at that time in the real estate and insurance business which he has continued and at present is the largest dealer in realty in Washington County. He is a director in the Washington Trust Company and has other interests, having been active in developing the oil fields in the vicinity of Washington, and has always done his full share and more in advancing the welfare of the community.

In 1878, Maj. Happer was married to Miss Matilda M. Watson, a daughter of James Watson, deceased, who for many years was a resident of Washington. Maj. and Mrs. Happer occupy one of Washington's finest resi-





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dences, a magnificent structure of Cleveland stone, which he erected at No. 130 East Wheeling street. In politics, Maj. Happer has been a consistent Republican. Credit is given him for the success that has attended the Western Pennsylvania Agricultural Association, of which he was secretary for many years and in which he was deeply interested. He is an honored member of Templeton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion.

ROBERT STEVENSON, an enterprising farmer and dairyman residing on a farm of sixty acres in Robeson Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born July 16, 1837, on his present farm, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Geary) Stevenson, and a grandson of William Stevenson. The parents of our subject followed farming all their lives, and died on the home farm and were buried at Candor Cemetery. They were the parents of two children, Sarah, who makes her home with her brother, Robert, who is the younger.

Robert Stevenson attended the district schools of Robeson Township until fifteen years of age, when he went to work on the farm and has since been engaged in farming and dairying on the old home place.

Mr. Stevenson was married April 8, 1869, to Martha Aten, a daughter of William and Sarah (Russell) Aten, who were well known farmers of Washington County, Pa., and the parents of the following children: Martha; Rachel, deceased; Jane, the deceased wife of Ephraim May, 1908, was born January 16, 1881, in Washington, Voegle; Henry, who lives at Midway; and Elizabeth, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are the parents of the following children: Marietta, who lives at home; Sarah; Martha, married Charles Farrar and has one child, Robert; and John A., who is engaged in farming in Washington County, Pa.

Mr. Stevenson is a Republican in politics, and served one term as assessor of the township. The family attends church at Candor.

HUGH E. FERGUS, a well known and able attorney of Charleroi, Pa., who has been a resident here since Pa., and is a son of Samuel P. and Margaret (Weir) Fergus.

The Fergus family originally came from Scotland and settled in Huntington County, Pa., where they attained considerable prominence. Samuel P. Fergus was born in Washington County, east of Washington, and was a son of Thomah Fergus. He was for many years one of the prominent farmers of the county, but subsequently removed to Washington, where he engaged in the oil business until the time of his death in June, 1900. His widow is still living and a resident of Washington, Pa.

Hugh E. Fergus obtained his educational training in

the public schools of Washington and the Washington-Jefferson College, from which he graduated in 1900. He then entered the law department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, now known as the University of Pittsburgh, and graduated in law in 1907, and in July of that year, embarked in the practice of law at Washington, where he continued until May, 1908. He then came to Charleroi, and has since been located at No. 511 Fallowfield avenue.

Mr. Fergus is one of the able and rising members of the legal profession of Charleroi, and possesses to the fullest extent the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

THOMAS JEFFERSON DUNCAN, whose activity in the affairs of Washington, Pa., during the 34 years of his residence in that city, has made him a prominent figure in the eye of the public, is a man of many parts. As an educator, lawyer and financier he has been successful, displaying those qualities of leadership and character which mark the highest type of citizenship. He is, at the present time, (A. D. 1910), senior member of the well-known law firm of Duncan, Chaffant & Warne, with office at No. 80 South Main street, and is president of the Real Estate Trust Company.

Mr. Duncan was born at Bridgeport, Fayette County, Pa., Feb. 11, 1845, and is a son of Hon. Thomas and Priscilla (Stevens) Duncan, both of whom were of pioneer families in that county. His paternal grandfather, Arthur Duncan, was of Irish birth, but of Scotch descent, and after being engaged in the struggle for Irish freedom against England, left his native land for America late in the 18th century and took up his residence in Fayette County, Pa., where he was employed at his trade as an iron worker at the forge of Dr. Stevens. There Hon. Thomas Duncan was born and in said county lived through a long and honorable career. He was, in early life, active as a politician and frequently was called into service as a public official, serving some years as commissioner of Fayette County, and for ten years as one of the judges of its courts. The declining years of his life were spent at the old home at Bridgeport, where he died at an advanced age. He married Priscilla Stevens, whose death occurred in 1873 at the age of about 66 years. Her father, Dr. Benjamin Stevens, emigrated from Maryland to Fayette County, Pa., at an early date and occupied a position of prominence in the community. In addition to caring for a large practice, he established and operated an iron forge. Thomas and Priscilla Duncan became parents of the following children: Sophia, deceased wife of W. H. Laning; Elizabeth, widow of William Worrell; Dr. W. S. Duncan, a physician and surgeon of wide repu-

tation, who died in 1892; Arthur Duncan, who died in early manhood; and Thomas Jefferson, whose name heads this sketch.

Thomas Jefferson Duncan attended the graded schools of his native town, after which he studied under the tutelage of E. N. Hartshorn, a gentleman of scholarly attainments, who afterward became a professor in Mt. Union College, at Mt. Union, Ohio. At the age of 18 years our subject began teaching school in Wharton Township, a mountainous region of Fayette County, and after one season thus engaged entered Mt. Union College to continue his intellectual training. The year of 1864 marked a bitter contest in that institution between faculty and students as to the authority of the former over the literary societies, and the result was some of the undergraduates were dismissed from the institution. Others, resenting the summary action of the faculty, voluntarily withdrew, and among the number was young Duncan, who with a friend, now the Rev. John H. Hartman, entered Vermillion Institute, at Haysville, Ohio, a flourishing academy under the guidance of Rev. Sanders Diefendorf. Before the completion of his second year in the academy, his health failed and he was obliged to return to his home and recuperate. In the spring of 1866 he was sufficiently recovered to enter Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., from which institution he was graduated with the Class of 1868. During his senior year he had served as teacher in the preparatory department of the college, and upon graduation was asked to accept a position as one of the instructors in the institution, but declined. His class was one of the largest ever sent out by his alma mater, and its enrollment included the names of many who attained distinction in the various walks of life, among them: Prof. D. J. McAdam, Hon. H. J. Eckly, S. B. Fisher, James S. Moorhead, Rev. T. J. Sherrard, Rev. L. M. Gilleland, and Hon. W. B. Sutton. Upon leaving college he was chosen superintendent of schools in his native town, and during the two years he served in that capacity displayed such ability as an instructor and executive as to attract attention and gain for him recognition in more important and remunerative fields. He was next elected to the office of superintendent of schools at East Liverpool, Ohio, and while there effected a complete reorganization of the school system. The success of his work during the two years he remained there added largely to his reputation, but he resigned in order to prepare himself for the legal profession, his studies along that line having been begun while in college, in the office and under the direction of I. Y. Hamilton, Esq. The fall of 1872, however, found him back in the ranks from which he had so recently withdrawn; this time located at Pittsburg as principal of the schools of the 15th and 17th Wards of that city. The progressive

system of instruction he employed the decorum of his pupils in the various school rooms, and the success of his methods, were such as to excite comment and admiration and to bring many visitors from other schools. He was an enthusiast in all that pertained to educational matters, became an active member of the College of Principals, a frequent instructor of Teachers' Institutes of Pittsburg and surrounding counties, a lecturer at the Teachers' Association, and an occasional contributor to the press on educational topics. Notwithstanding the great demand on his time by the duties of his position, Mr. Duncan, during his four years in Pittsburg, continued his preparation for the profession of law and in the fall of 1875 was admitted to practice in the courts of Washington County. He subsequently was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the various courts of the United States, as his business demanded. He embarked in practice at Washington, Pa., in 1876, and almost immediately gained public recognition by his activity on the stump during the memorable campaign in which Tilden and Hayes were rival candidates for the presidency. A forceful speaker, alert, resourceful and of discriminating mind, he appealed to the reason of his audience, which he never failed to impress. The zeal and energy expended in the interests of his clients brought success and a more extensive clientage, and the condition soon existed where he was retained, on one side or the other, in much of the important litigation which came before the courts of the county. He has a large and well selected library of legal lore, works so essential for the preparation of briefs in appealed cases, a branch of his professional work in which he has been unusually successful. Although he has always been active in political campaigns, working hard for the success of his friends, he has steadfastly refused to run for office since the first year of his practice, when he was Democratic nominee for district attorney. In 1888, he was strongly importuned to run for Congress and in his refusal went to the extent of telegraphing the Democratic Convention of the 24th Congressional District. After a two days' session in which his wishes were disregarded, he was nominated amid great enthusiasm of the delegates who believed his candidacy would bring party success at the polls. A committee of notification was appointed, consisting of James H. Hoover, of Fayette County; Joseph A. Skelly, of Allegheny; James Smith, of Greene; and John P. Charlton, of Washington. Notwithstanding the flattering outlook for his election, Mr. Duncan, upon meeting with the committee, again voiced his refusal to accept the honor, assigning reasons of a personal and private character arising chiefly from a desire to devote his energies to the welfare of his family and business affairs. He prepared a letter of declination which was widely published and

quoted from, in which he gave utterance to some of the political principles for which he stood. Among other things he stated that "among his party associates he did not recall a single individual toward whom he entertained the slightest feeling of political animosity or whose advancement he would willingly impede in the least; that he united with unabated interest in the efforts of the people to maintain their liberties against the encroachments of power unjustly exercised whether manifesting itself in the form of monopolizing combinations and trusts, corporate aggregations or official usurpation; that he was uncompromisingly opposed to legislation in the interest of favored classes, to the squandering of the public domain, to oppressive and unnecessary taxation direct or indirect, and to the tendency during the past few years to a centralization of power in the administration of governmental affairs; and that he adhered to the principles of just government administered wisely and economically for the peace, safety and prosperity of its citizens as a whole, without preference or favor as to class, location, race, or other basis of distinction."

Although his professional duties have claimed his attention first and foremost, Mr. Duncan has devoted much time to various business, benevolent and charitable organizations. He has served as director and vice-president of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Washington; as a member of the Board of School Directors; trustee and chairman of the finance committee of the Dime Savings Bank of Washington; chairman of the Board of Examiners of the Courts of the county; trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association; president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Children; curator and treasurer of the Citizens' Library Association; president of the Real Estate Trust Company, in which capacity he now serves; and in various other positions of trust and responsibility.

In July, 1880, Mr. Duncan was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Morris, a lady of high educational attainments and superior accomplishments. She was born in West Brownsville, Washington County, Pa., Dec. 11, 1856, and is a daughter of Benjamin F. and Sarah J. (Miller) Morris. Paternally, she is of Quaker stock through both the Morris and West strains; and, notwithstanding their religious faith and consequent antipathy to bloodshed, numerous members of those families attained distinction in the Revolutionary struggle. The Morris family in America dates back to the early colonial days when David Morris emigrated from Wales, some time prior to 1685, at which date he married Mary Phillipine. Their home was on the west bank of the Delaware River, below Philadelphia, and they reared a family of five children: David, Isaac, Elizabeth, Mordecai and Jonathan, to whom many of the present day

Morris trace their lineage. The first of the family to locate in Washington County, Pa., was Jonathan, grandson of David, first mentioned. He came shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War and took up his residence among the Quakers in East Bethlehem Township. He brought his family with him, having previously married a sister of the celebrated early painter, Benjamin West, and a relative of Jonathan West, from whom was descended Judge William West, the famous blind orator of Ohio. Jonathan Morris died in 1788, and was survived by four sons, three of whom, it is alleged, were in the Revolution. They were: Joseph; David, for many years proprietor of the widely-known Globe Inn at Washington, Pa.; and Jonathan, who bore the rank of captain in the Continental Army, and is said to have organized and equipped a full company of soldiers at his own expense. He was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, and died at Fredericktown, Washington County, in 1838. Jesse, who was born in 1771, was the fourth son and the grandfather of Mrs. Duncan. On Apr. 12, 1789, Jesse Morris married Sarah Blackmore, who lacked one day of being 17 years old at that time, and they became parents of eleven children: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Sarah, David, Almira, Martha W., Benjamin F., Cynthia, Adelia M. and Jesse J.

Benjamin F. Morris, father of Mrs. Duncan, was born in Washington County, May 3, 1809, and was for many years well known as a steamboat pilot and captain on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. His career on the river was terminated about the time the Civil War started, and at the time of his death, June 18, 1882, he was a resident of Fredericktown, in Washington County. A blue military cloak, which had been willed him by his uncle, Capt. Jonathan Morris of Revolutionary fame, and for which he had a peculiar affection, was at his request made his burial shroud. Capt. B. F. Morris was married Aug. 15, 1842, to Miss Sarah J. Miller, who was born in February, 1825, and was a daughter of W. H. Miller. Her father was born in Barren County, Ky., in 1800, and died in Hart County, of that state, at the age of 82 years. His wife, Elizabeth, died at Louisville, Ky., in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were parents of five daughters: Mary E., Emily, Louisa, Julia and Sarah J. Capt. Benjamin F. Morris and his wife, Sarah, had the following offspring: Jesse J., who married Nancy E. Sharpneck; Mary E., who married first Leroy Miller, and, after his death, W. W. Reeves; Adelia M., who died at the age of 2 years; Sarah Louise, wife of John Crumrine; L. Franklin, deceased, who married Jennie Cowden, and after her decease, Victoria Hendrix; William B., who died in infancy; Samuel, now deceased, who married Annie Reece; Eleanor, wife of Thomas Jefferson Duncan; and Lorena M., who was the wife of John V. Stathers, and died Sept. 21, 1883.

Eleanor Morris (Duncan) was two years of age when her parents moved from West Brownsville to Fredericktown, where she was a pupil in the public schools until their removal to Pittsburg in 1869. There she attended school in the 17th Ward, and there formed the acquaintance of Mr. Duncan, her future husband, who at that time was principal of the school. After completing her course in that school, she, at the age of 17 years, became a teacher in one of the schools of the 31st Ward of Pittsburg, and later in the 15th Ward, where she continued until her marriage in 1880. During this time she held a professional certificate, received a teacher's permanent certificate from the state, and was elected a member of the Pittsburg Academy of Teachers. She is a woman of great breadth of mind, a deep reader and well posted on current events, and an entertaining conversationalist. Possessed of artistic talent, she devoted some time to art studies with a view to her own pleasure, and has produced a number of oil paintings of merit. Mrs. Duncan was honored by appointment to the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of Pennsylvania for the World's Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893, and rendered efficient service in that capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan reside in a beautiful home at No. 214 East Wheeling street, in Washington. They have but one child, a daughter, who married John H. Donnan, Esq., a son of John W. Donnan, an attorney of Washington, who is president of the Washington Trust Company and of the Citizens' National Bank of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have been active in the work of the First M. E. Church, of which they are members. Mr. Duncan serves as a member of the board of trustees of this organization and was for many years custodian of its funds.

JAMES DALLAS HOON, whose insurance and real estate office is located in the Alexander Bank building at Monongahela City, Pa., has been a resident of this city since 1889, and is identified with various enterprises of this locality. He was born on a farm in Butler County, Pa., August 23, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Mary E. (Shanor) Hoon.

Samuel Hoon was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania and when quite young came with his parents to Butler County, where he was reared on a farm and learned the carpenters' trade, at which he worked for many years. He erected many large barns through this section of the country and died in Butler County at the advanced age of ninety years. He married Mary E. Shanor, a native of Butler County, Pa., and a daughter of Daniel Shanor, who was one of the early settlers of that county. She died at the age of eighty-two years. Samuel and Mary Hoon became the parents of twelve children, as follows: Maria Ann, is the widow of Jesse

Dutter; Mrs. Isabella Manda Burns is a widow; Edward L., who was a member of the 13th Pa. Reg., in the Civil War, which was reorganized and was known as 102d Pa. Reg., lost a leg at the second battle of Williamsburg; Matilda E., married John Dick; James Dallas, the subject of this sketch; Mary E.; L. S., lives in Butler, Pa.; Harriet A., died aged thirteen years; Henry, whose death occurred in 1909, served in the Spanish-American War; Sarah, married Edward Seckler; George W., who died aged seven years; and Olive D., who is the wife of O. Fish.

James Dallas Hoon spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Butler County, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1865, in the last year of the Civil War, enlisted in Co. I, 78th Pa. Reg., under Capt. Boggs and served until September of that same year. After the close of the war he was stationed a short time at Nashville, Tenn., then went to Ohio, where he first located at Warren and followed carpenter work and subsequently settled in Cleveland, where later he entered the employ of the National Milling Company, and in the second year was made head miller. He also operated a mill at Minerva, Ohio, for three years and in 1889 came to Monongahela City, where for one year he had charge of the mill for George & Co. Then, in partnership with J. B. Hayward he rented and operated for 18 years the mill owned by George & Co., and when the railroad bought the property from the mill owners, he embarked in the insurance and real estate business, opening his present office in the Alexander Bank Building. Mr. Hoon and Mr. Hayward also operated a coal mine near the Driving Park, where they owned a tract of 35 acres. Our subject later purchased his partner's interest in this business, and now has the land laid out in lots. Mr. Hoon is president of the Standard Real Estate Company of Donora, Washington County, is interested in oil lands in Butler County and owns stock in other enterprises of this locality.

Mr. Hoon was married Sept. 2, 1869, to Maggie C. Shaffer, of Warren, Ohio, a daughter of William and Catherine Shaffer, both deceased. Of their union were born two children, Jessie May, who died aged 10 years, and Leroy M., a student in the medical department of the University of Pa., at Philadelphia. Mr. Hoon and family hold membership with the Baptist Church in which he is a deacon. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Jr. O. U. A. M., Royal Arcanum and the G. A. R., Stark Weather Post No. 60, of Monongahela City, of which he is quartermaster. He is a Democrat in politics and has served in the city council.

ROBERT HORACE McCLAY, a director of the First National Bank of Washington, Pa., and a well-known citizen, for many years was interested in farming, but

has now practically retired from business and occupies an exceedingly comfortable home which is situated at No. 204 Jefferson ave., Washington. He was born in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 12, 1850, and is a son of John and Jane (Welch) McClay, and a grandson of Samuel and Sarah (McClellan) McClay, the latter of whom were born in Ireland and were early settlers in Canton Township, Washington County.

Robert H. McClay was reared on the old homestead in Canton Township. In his boyhood his educational opportunities were somewhat limited, but later he acquired a good education through a course of reading and of absorption from those with whom he came in contact, who had enjoyed more advantages than had been afforded him. He followed agricultural pursuits during many years and resided on his well improved farm in Canton Township until he removed to Washington. In addition to his farming interests he has been concerned in successful business undertakings, has made wise investments and is a stockholder and a director of the First National Bank of Washington. Mr. McClay has always evinced public spirit and has given active support to measures and enterprises which have been calculated to be of permanent benefit to borough and county. He is a man of integrity and kindness of heart and the majority of his acquaintances may be numbered with his friends.

On Jan. 11, 1876, Mr. McClay was married to Miss Rachel A. Wright, a daughter of William Wright, of Buffalo Township, Washington County, and they have three children: Annie A., who married Samuel J. T. Hough, of Washington, Pa., and they have three children—Samuel Sheldon, William Robert and Sarah Margaret; John W., who married Anna Jeannette Knox, of Canton Township, and they have one daughter, Mary Jeannette; and Maggie M. The whole family holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McClay is a Republican, with a tendency to be independent in his views on public questions.

WILLIAM J. MEHAFFEY, a representative citizen and prominent farmer and stockraiser in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., is one of the largest land owners in the county, having 775 acres, 670 of these being in one tract, comprising the home farm. He has been a life-long resident of Donegal Township, born here May 25, 1868, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Sawhill) Mehaffey.

The father of Mr. Mehaffey was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, where he died in 1908. His father, Robert Mehaffey, was born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and came early to what is now Donegal Township, where he died in 1824. The late

John Mehaffey was a man very highly respected. He carried on farming and stock raising all through his active life and then retired to Claysville. He married Elizabeth Sawhill, who was born in Blaine Township, in what was then a part of Buffalo Township, Washington County. The one survivor of their children is William J. They were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church.

William J. Mehaffey attended the schools of Donegal Township and also Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in 1890. From youth he has been interested in agricultural pursuits and he owns enough land to satisfy his desire to raise bountiful crops and hundreds of head of cattle together with from 800 to 900 head of sheep, and at the same time to come into the market as an extensive grower of fine fruit. All his operations are carried on with the help of modern machinery and according to the very best known methods.

In politics, Mr. Mehaffey is a Republican. He is serving in his fourteenth consecutive year as a school director in Donegal Township and is secretary of the board and is also secretary of the Board of Road Supervisors. For many years he has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville and is one of the church trustees. He is a man who deservedly enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

DANIEL WILSON CRANE, a well-known citizen of Canonsburg, which has been his place of residence since 1877, was born in Peters Township, Washington Co., Pa., June 22, 1852, and is a son of Caleb and Margaret (McLoney) Crane.

The father of Mr. Crane was born in Allegheny County, Pa., a son of Amos Crane. In association with two brothers, he worked at the ship building trade, constructing many of the steamboats plying on the waterways of Western Pennsylvania. Caleb Crane was married in middle manhood to Margaret McLoney, a daughter of Luke McLoney, of Washington County. Her death occurred at Carnegie, Pa., in 1906, when aged 74 years. Caleb Crane died almost a quarter of a century before, in Cecil Township, Washington County. His first marriage was to a daughter of Enoch Holland, of Allegheny County, who left one daughter at death, Mary Catherine, who married William Weaver. Ten children were born to his second union and the eldest of the family was Daniel Wilson Crane, of Canonsburg. The others were as follows: William Park, who resides at Carnegie; Esther Elizabeth; John, who died when 5 years of age; Sadie Edith, Jennie Florence and Annie, all deceased, never married; David P., who resides on the old home place in Cecil Township, married a Miss

Manes; James Luke, who was accidentally killed by a railroad train at Canonsburg, left a widow; and Glenn Dickson, who resides at Carnegie, Pa., has a family.

Daniel Wilson Crane attended the district schools in Peters and Cecil Townships. He is a well driller by trade and does a large amount of business all through the county. For more than 20 years this has been his main avocation. For two years he supplied Washington and Canonsburg from a drilled well which he discovered on his property at Canonsburg. This well is 200 feet deep and the chemist of the Board of Health of Pittsburgh, on analyzing it, declared its water the purest in the State of Pennsylvania. Naturally this water is in great demand. Mr. Crane owns several properties and is one of the borough's substantial citizens.

In 1877, Mr. Crane was married (first) to Miss Uretta Hickman, who died in June, 1899. She was survived by three children: Margaret Edith, a highly educated and accomplished lady, formerly taught school at Canonsburg and is now connected with the schools of Wilkinsburg; Nancy Gail, who married Harry McConnell, of Canonsburg; and Howard Wilson, who is a student at Grove City College. In 1902, Mr. Crane was married (second) to Miss Jennie Norris, who was reared in North Strabane Township, near Canonsburg. One son, Norwood Norris, has been born to the second marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Crane are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, in which he is an elder.

S. C. CUMMINS, postmaster at Cross Creek village and a prosperous business man of the place, belongs to an old family of Washington County. He was born in Cross Creek village, Sept. 17, 1854, and is a son of Alfred and Mary A. (Hay) Cummins.

Mr. Cummins was educated in the village schools and has always resided here. He learned the business of painting and paperhanging and has continued in that line, finding his time sufficiently engaged with his business and his duties as postmaster, the latter of which he assumed in September, 1909. The business of this office is constantly increasing and Mr. Cummins is a man well qualified to handle it.

In 1880, Mr. Cummins was married to Miss Margaret Wherry, who is a daughter of William Wherry. Their one child is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cummins are members of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Cummins is in accord with the present administration, but he lays no claims to being a politician. He is a good citizen in all that the word implies and as such is a representative man of Cross Creek Township.

GEORGE A. DOUGHERTY, M. D., deceased, was one of Washington's eminent physicians and surgeons.

He was born in County Derry, Ireland, Dec. 15, 1839, and died at Washington, Pa., Mar. 12, 1909, where he had been in continuous practice for 41 years. His parents were Edward and Lillie (Allender) Dougherty.

The parents of Dr. Dougherty came with their children to America in 1840 and resided at Washington, Pa., until 1859, when they returned to Ireland. About the time of the close of the Civil War, Edward Dougherty came again to the United States, and in 1866 his wife, son and daughter, Annie, joined him at Washington. All died here, the death of the daughter occurring Dec. 8, 1908.

George A. Dougherty had already made some progress in his medical studies and had received excellent literary training in the public schools and Washington College when he accompanied his parents back to Ireland. Shortly after his return to his native land came up the question as to where he should complete his medical training, and the great Glasgow University was chosen. In the classic shades of an institution which was established in 1450 and is an acknowledged repository of the learning of ages, Dr. Dougherty spent four full years and gained his coveted degrees of M. D. and C. M., graduating with the class of 1865. Taking advantage of both hospital and dispensary training, Dr. Dougherty remained one year longer at Glasgow, and then returned to Washington, as noted above.

Dr. Dougherty was married on Jan. 14, 1880, to Miss Rebecca M. Clokey, and they had two children, a daughter and son, of whom the former, Anna E., survives. She is the wife of W. G. Edmonds, of Washington, Pa. They have four children: Clarence George Dougherty, Margaret Rebecca, Walter Roy and Charles Raymond. In 1906 he erected his handsome, modern dwelling, which stands on the old homestead lot which was his place of residence during his whole life at Washington. At his office at No. 127 North Main street, he had a valuable library, in the selection of which he took much interest, and which contains many rare old English volumes, together with the apparatus generally utilized by the progressive men of science at the present day, to which class Dr. Dougherty belonged. With his family he was a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church at Washington. He belonged to the Washington County Medical Association, and with his thorough training, his years of experience and his continued enthusiasm for his science, he easily stood in the front rank among the medical men of Western Pennsylvania.

SIMON WHITE, a leading representative of the business interests of Claysville, Pa., and the senior member of the firm of White & Son, manufacturers of paving material and of granite and marble monumental work, with the main plant at Claysville and a



GEORGE A. DOUGHERTY, M.D.









JOSEPH BRADFORD JOHNSON

branch at Wheeling, W. Va., was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1844. He is a son of Alexander and Minerva (Renchart) White.

The father of Mr. White was born also in Washington County, but the mother was a native of Wayneburg, Greene County. For a number of years Alexander White engaged in the manufacture of head stones and monuments at Claysville, having learned the business from his father, also Alexander White. The first Alexander was the real founder of the business at Claysville and has been succeeded in the business by three generations of his descendants.

Simon White was about four years old when his parents brought him from Ohio to Claysville and here he attended school. When 18 years of age his father died and he took the responsibilities of the business on his shoulders and has continued in the same line ever since, making some changes and many improvements. The plant as it now stands was established at the present location many years ago and Simon White has been the practical head ever since. Constant employment is afforded 16 experienced and skilled workmen, and this is without doubt the most extensive business of its kind in this part of Pennsylvania.

Mr. White was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Bane, a daughter of Jesse Bane, of Washington County. This wife was survived by one son, William A. Mr. White was married (second) to Miss Mary A. Daugherty, who was born at Claysville, a daughter of the late Samuel Daugherty, and they have three children: Samuel, who is in partnership with his father, manages the business at Wheeling; Lorena J., who is a teacher residing at Homestead, Pa.; and Harry L., who is employed as a drug clerk, at Washington, Pa. In politics, Mr. White is a Democrat and he has served as a director in the Claysville Independent School District. He is identified with Claysville Lodge No. 447, F. & A. M.

ROBERT G. JEFFREY, one of Cross Creek Township's leading citizens and enterprising and successful farmers, was born on his present estate of 172 acres, situated in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., Sept. 26, 1855, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (Russell) Jeffrey.

The father of Mr. Jeffrey was a substantial farmer of this section for many years. He was a man of quiet life and industrious habits and enjoyed the respect of his neighbors. He married Eliza Russell, who was a daughter of Andrew and Ann (McClelland) Russell, of Chartiers Township, and they had the following children: Anna Jane, widow of William Glass, lives in Mt. Pleasant Township; Mary Belle, deceased, was the wife of Matthew Acheson, of Smith Township; Sarah

Elizabeth, wife of J. M. McKittrick, of Cambridge, Ohio; Martha Agnes, deceased, wife of Samuel A. McCalmont, of Houston; Andrew Russell and Robert Graham.

Robert G. Jeffrey attended the public schools of Cross Creek Township with more or less regularity when farm work did not prevent, until he was 20 years of age, after which he cultivated the homestead farm for his parents and later obtained possession of it by purchase. For years he has engaged in raising sheep and general farming, and during the past two or three years has also engaged in dairying, shipping to Pittsburgh. Mr. Jeffrey has other investments and is a stockholder in the Hickory Telephone Company.

On Jan. 1, 1879, Mr. Jeffrey married Miss Jennie McCalmont, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Moore) McCalmont, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have five children, namely: Bessie D., who married C. M. Marquis, has a pleasant home in Cross Creek Township, and John R., Howard G., Clarence D. and Verner Lee, all reside at home. Mr. Jeffrey has given his children all the advantages in his power and his eldest son, John R., spent five terms at Grove City College, taking the engineering course. Mr. Jeffrey and wife are members of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for a number of years. Like his father, he is a Republican and he has frequently been elected to township offices and has served acceptably as an election inspector, as a school director and as road supervisor.

JOSEPH BRADFORD JOHNSON, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, whose fine brick residence is located at No. 248 West Pike street, was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Sept. 26, 1842, son of John and Rebecca (Van Eman) Johnson.

John Johnson, father of Joseph B., was born in 1802, in North Strabane Township, where his father, Richard Johnson, had been a very early settler. A large part of John Johnson's life was spent at Canonsburg, where he died in 1884. He married Rebecca Van Eman, who survived him for about two years, dying at the age of 76. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Logan) Van Eman. To John and Rebecca Johnson three sons were born, namely: Richard Van Eman, who served in the Civil War and now resides at Washington (he married Anna Lee, a daughter of William Lee of Cross Creek Village); Joseph Bradford; and John Gibson, now deceased, who is survived by his widow and three sons, who reside in Canonsburg.

Joseph Bradford Johnson had just completed his sophomore year at Jefferson College when, in 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was attached to the Army of

the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and in October, 1863, was transferred to the Signal Corps, in which division he served until he was captured by the Confederates, Oct. 28, 1864. The next three months and ten days of his life were passed most unpleasantly in the notorious Libby Prison, where he shared the hardships and sufferings of his unfortunate comrades who were confined there. Although paroled Jan. 22, 1865, he was unable to leave on account of ice in the river, and was thus compelled to remain until Feb. 5, 1865. He was then taken to Annapolis, Md., where he was given a furlough of 30 days. On its expiration he returned to the front, but by that time Gen. Lee had surrendered and the war was virtually at an end. He was honorably discharged at Washington City. He had escaped death and wounds, but during his imprisonment he contracted scurvy, which gave him trouble for a long time.

Mr. Johnson resumed his old occupations after he returned home and followed farming until 1900, purchasing his grandfather's farm half a mile above Houston, this county. This farm he bought from William Quail, who had purchased it from Jefferson Patton, who had secured it from Mr. Johnson's grandfather.

In 1867 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Hannah Jane Crothers, a daughter of Samuel J. and Jane (Brownlee) Crothers. Three children were born to this marriage, namely: Ella Maud, who became the wife of Rev. Charles G. Williams, a Presbyterian minister, now in charge of the Hyde Park Church of Denver, and who has two children, Bradford Ralston and Jay; John Tracey, who still operates the home farm; and Charles Crothers, who is president of the Citizens' Trust Company, of Canonsburg, and who married Miss Grace Henderson.

Mrs. Hannah J. Johnson died in October, 1897, and Mr. Johnson married Miss Anna M. Harper, April 4, 1900. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Robert J. and Elizabeth R. (Henderson) Harper. Her father, who resides in Canonsburg and is now 80 years old, was during his industrial period an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mrs. Johnson's mother was a daughter of Matthew and Mary (Hutchison) Henderson, and a great-granddaughter of Rev. Matthew Henderson, a pioneer Seceder minister, who was among the early settlers of this section, coming here in the days of the Rev. John McMillen, or about the last decade of the 18th century. Mrs. Johnson's maternal grandmother, Mary (Hutchison) Henderson, was a daughter of John Hutchison, one of the early settlers of Canonsburg, the west end of the present town occupying the site of his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Harper had ten children, four of whom grew to maturity: Anna, Elizabeth, Ella and

Eva, the last mentioned being the wife of C. W. Campbell, of Canonsburg.

The subject of this sketch is a member of Chapter No. 1, of the Union Veteran Legion, at Pittsburg. He is interested in several business enterprises and is a director of the Citizens' Trust Company, of Canonsburg. For many years he has been united with the Central Presbyterian Church and is now serving as one of its elders. His opinions on public questions make him a strong supporter of the Republican party.

JOHN McCLAY, deceased, once a substantial farmer and respected resident of Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born there in 1809 and was a son of Samuel and Sarah (McClellan) McClay.

Samuel McClay was born in Ireland and from that country he came to America in boyhood, making the long voyage in a sailing vessel. He found a home and employment in Chester County, Pa., where he subsequently married Sarah McClellan, who was also a native of Ireland. Some years after their marriage they came to Washington County and established their home in Canton Township, where Samuel McClay died in 1838 and his widow in 1842.

John McClay grew up on the home farm in Canton Township. His schooling was limited, there being few advantages offered the children in Canton Township at that day. He was, however, gifted with a large amount of practical good sense, had the energy that enabled him to overcome many obstacles and in the course of years he became one of the township's most prosperous citizens. He was for many years a director in the First National Bank of Washington. Mr. McClay was married (first) April 26, 1838, to Miss Jane Smith, who died shortly afterward. He was married (second) Sept. 15, 1841, to Miss Jane Weleh, a daughter of Robert Welch, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Sarah, widow of W. A. Morrison; and William W., John H. and Robert H. In 1857 he married Sarah Taggart and after her demise, he was united to Margaret Brownlee, who was a daughter of James Brownlee, a pioneer of Washington County. He was identified with the Covenant Church until 1858, when he became connected with the United Presbyterian. Early in life he was a Whig, later became a Republican, but in the closing years of his life the cause of Prohibition claimed his allegiance. He died in January, 1895, on his farm in Canton Township.

J. B. HENDERSON, proprietor of the Valley Stock Farm, which contains 236 acres, situated in Smith Township, Washington County, was born in Chartiers and is a son of James L. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson's early school days were passed in Charters Township and Canton Township, both in Washington County, and later he took a commercial course in Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, after which he settled down to farming with his father. After marriage, in 1892, he located in Washington and began to deal in stock and finding profit in the business has continued until the present. In 1901 he settled on his farm in Smith Township, where he made all the improvements which became necessary when he went extensively into the stock business. He has two sets of farm buildings and erected one set after taking charge of his property. This is known as the Valley Stock Farm, where Dorset sheep and Holstein cattle are bred from imported stock. He exhibits his fine stock at different points yearly and made a noted showing at the Chicago International Exposition in 1905.

In November, 1892, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Lulu Buchanan, a daughter of J. S. Buchanan, of Hickory, Washington County, and they have one son, James Raymond, who is attending school in Smith Township. Mr. Henderson and family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown, in which he is an elder. In politics he is a Republican and at different times he has been elected to important township offices, serving at present as commissioner and formerly was a justice of the peace. He is one of the county's best known representative and reliable citizens. In his efforts to improve the grade of stock in Washington County, he has benefited all those who do business in the same line.

GEORGE W. RISBECK, Burgess of Charleroi, Pa., who deals in real estate in a general way, and has charge of a large insurance agency, has been a resident of Charleroi since 1902. He was born Oct. 25, 1869, on a farm near Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., and is a son of John M. and Nancy J. (Hess) Risbeck.

George W. Risbeck was reared on his father's farm, and after completing his education, which was obtained in the district schools and the Merrittstown Academy, he taught the district schools of that locality for nine years. He then worked four years in a hardware store in Brownsville, Pa., and since coming to Charleroi in 1902, has been engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business, having established a business of his own three years ago, making a specialty of fire insurance, although he also handles life, health and accident insurance. He represents the Pittsburg Underwriters; the Westchester Fire; the Williamsburg City Fire; the Hamburg-Bremen and the Travelers' Insurance Company, a life, accident and health company. Mr. Risbeck has been a notary public for about four years,

and his offices are located at No. 427 McKean avenue. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been Burgess of Charleroi since March 1, 1909.

Mr. Risbeck was married in 1895 to Annie VanKirk, of Fayette County, Pa., and they have one child, Hallie, who is 13 years of age. He is fraternally, a member of Charleroi Lodge No. 494, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and has been secretary of his lodge for the past five years, and is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Maecabees.

GEORGE T. WALKER, a member of the firm of Walker & Slater, is one of Washington's representative citizens, identified with many of her large business enterprises and for years prominent and useful in public life. Mr. Walker was born at Washington, in 1854, and is a son of Thomas Walker and a grandson of George Walker.

George Walker was born in Ireland and came to Washington County among the hardy early pioneers. His son, Thomas Walker, was born in Washington County, in 1822, and was one of the early contractors and earnest politicians of Washington, and through his energy and public spirit, became a man known over a wide territory.

George T. Walker was reared and educated at Washington, graduating from her High School in the class of 1870, following which he attended Washington and Jefferson College for two terms. After he completed his education, he learned his trade with his father and in 1885 was admitted to partnership, under the style of Thomas Walker & Son, this being terminated by the death of his father in the following year. In 1887 the present firm was established, C. M. Slater becoming a partner, and this is now the oldest and one of the most prominent contracting firms in Washington, in the general line of mill work. Mr. Walker is a director in the Union Trust Company; is president of the Washington Ice Company; is treasurer of the Capitol Paint, Oil and Varnish Company, and is a stockholder in several other enterprises. Mr. Walker has been very active in local politics for a number of years and his usefulness and efficiency have been proved during the time he has held public offices. He has served acceptably on the School Board, in the city council, of which he has been president, and also served one term as Burgess. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and belongs also to the Elks. For a number of years he has been united with the First United Presbyterian Church.

THOMPSON MARTIN DOUGLASS, a representative business man of McDonald, now conducting and managing a milk, butter and egg business at this place,

was born near Venice, Washington Co., Pa., Mar. 9, 1848, and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Thompson) Douglass.

Robert Douglass was a citizen of Washington County all his life. He was a stone mason by trade and assisted in the construction of many buildings, walls and bridges all over this section. He married Nancy Thompson and they had four children, namely: Eliza Jane, who is now deceased; John Allen, deceased; Sarah, who was the wife of William Scott, is also deceased; and Thompson Martin, the youngest and the only survivor. The parents were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Thompson Martin Douglass attended school until he was about 14 years of age, when he learned the trade of a stone mason and Mr. Douglass followed this trade for about ten years. He then went into the bakery business at McDonald, in which he continued until 1900, when he retired for four years.

In 1905 he entered into the milk, butter and egg business, in which he has since been engaged.

On Oct. 18, 1871, Mr. Douglass was married to Miss Julia McCausland, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Flake) McCausland. The McCauslands came from Butler to Washington County and they were parents of the following children: Beatrice, deceased, was the wife of L. B. Quinn; and John, Catherine and Julia. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass, three of whom died in infancy. The survivors are: Robert, a foreman for the Neola Building Company of Pittsburgh; John A., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at McDonald; Bessie, who is the wife of M. S. Moorhead, a furniture dealer at McDonald, and Leon, who is a druggist. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In his views on public questions, he is a Prohibitionist.

Dr. John A. Douglass of the above family, was born at Allegheny City, Jan. 12, 1874. He was educated in the public schools at McDonald and Ingleside Academy, going from there to Duquesne College and in 1892 entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1896. He has built up a very substantial practice at McDonald.

HARRY BROWN SIMPSON, who is secretary of the Monongahela Clay Manufacturing Company, extensive manufacturers of various kinds of brick, has been identified with the business interests of Monongahela City since 1902. He was born Feb. 20, 1877, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a son of James M. and Sarah C. (Brown) Simpson, the former of whom died in 1902, at Pittsburgh, where for many years he was engaged in the real estate business. The mother is still living.

Harry B. Simpson grew to manhood in Pittsburgh,

where he obtained his educational training in the common schools, after which he entered the employ of H. Lloyd & Sons Company, who were the pioneer iron manufacturers of Pittsburgh. He was subsequently engaged with the Shoenberger Steel Works of Pittsburgh, which position he resigned in 1902, when he came to Monongahela City, as secretary and manager of the Monongahela Clay Manufacturing Company, which concern was organized by a Pittsburgh company which sold the plant in 1903 to the present company, of which Samuel M. Downer is president; F. K. Alexander, treasurer, and H. B. Simpson, our subject, secretary and manager. The plant, which is finely equipped with the latest devices and machinery for brick-making, covers a tract of 14 acres, and is located about one mile south of Monongahela City on the M. W. branch of the P., V. & C. R. R. The company, whose offices are located in the Alexander Bank Building, employ an average of 50 men at the plant, where they produce 60,000 brick per day, manufacturing face brick, hollow brick and paving brick.

Mr. Simpson was united in marriage Nov. 25, 1895, with Bessie J. Hughes, a daughter of W. L. Hughes, of Pittsburgh, and of their union have been born three children: Harold, Kenneth and Mildred. Mr. Simpson and family reside in a pleasant home located on the corner of Meade and Coal streets. Mr. Simpson is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E. of Monongahela City, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. He is politically identified with the Republican party.

LODOWICK MCCARRELL, deceased, for many years was a prominent member of the Washington County bar. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1842, and was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (McConaughy) McCarrell.

His paternal grandfather, Lodowick McCarrell, was a native of Ireland, who, coming to America, in 1780, secured a large tract of wild land lying in what is now Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, his place of residence being near Ten-Mile and Hickory. Here this pioneer ancestor of our subject rounded out a long and useful life, dying in 1851, after he had passed his 84th birthday. A large part of his land had been cleared and made tillable by his own industry. Lodowick McCarrell was an elder in the Seceder Church. He married Martha Leman, who was a daughter of that old pioneer, John Leman, who shared with Andrew Eagleson, the honor of being the first settler in Canton Township. They had seven children, namely: John, Thomas, James, Andrew and Leman, all of whom died in mature life; Isabella, who was the wife of Isaac Hodgens, of Buffalo Township; and Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Cockins, of Mt. Pleasant Township.





*H. M. Linley*



Thomas McCarrell, second son of Lodowick and Mary (Leman) McCarrell, was born in Virginia, in 1801, but the greater part of his life was spent in Washington County, Pa., where he became a man of prominence. He was elected a county commissioner on the Democratic ticket in 1853. For five years he served also as associate judge and for seven successive terms was a justice of the peace in Mt. Pleasant Township. He was thrice married: first, to Esther McNary, who died in 1831; second, to Elizabeth McConaughy, who died in 1859; and for the third time, to Margaret Martin, in 1863, who survived him many years, dying in 1890. The children of his first union were: Martha, who died at Hickory, in 1893; Margaret, who married Joseph Cowden and died in Cecil Township, near Venice; John, a physician at Wellsville, Ohio, who died in January, 1891; and James, who was a practicing physician at Allegheny, Pa. The children born to the second marriage were the following: David M., who was a physician and died in 1894 in Hickory; Leman, who resides on the old homestead; Alexander D., who is a minister in the United Presbyterian Church located at Trafford City, Pa., and Lodowick. Thomas McCarrell died in 1872. Like his father he had been active in the affairs of the Seceder Church.

Lodowick McCarrell, the direct subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood on his father's farm, attended the country schools, and later entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he completed the classical course. His father's prominence in public affairs served as a stimulus to his own ambition, and early in his school career, he decided to take up the study of law. Accordingly on leaving college in 1867, he entered the law office of Montgomery & Wilson, and in 1869 he was admitted to the bar of Washington County, in the following year opening his law office in the borough of Washington. He was soon recognized in the profession as a man of marked ability and his subsequent success was uninterrupted, his name being associated for years with much of the important litigation in the courts of the county. He was possessed of an engaging personality, which contributed much to his popularity both in his profession and in business and social circles. Although an active supporter of the Democratic party he took greater interest in the successful practice of law than in the strife for political honors. In the midst of his usefulness, he was called away on April 23, 1902, and was laid to rest in the Washington Cemetery.

On July 25, 1876, Mr. McCarrell was married to Miss Lida Jackson, a daughter of Robert Jackson, and to them one son was born, Robert Lodowick. The latter is a prominent figure in the financial circles of Washington, having served for several years as assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and being at the present time auditor of the Washington Trust Company.

an office he has filled since May 18, 1908. He married Miss Elizabeth McClane, a daughter of Wilson McClane, a resident of Washington County. They have one daughter, Jane Dinsmore. They reside in one of Washington's handsome residences, at No. 345 East Wheeling street.

WILLIAM F. WHITHAM, president of the West Alexander National Bank at West Alexander, Pa., is one of the representative men of Washington County, where his interests are numerous, and he is also a veteran of the great Civil War. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., Oct. 11, 1843, and is a son of George D. and Rachel (Paris) Whitham.

The Whitham family is of English extraction. Joseph Whitham, the grandfather, was deemed an old resident of Ohio County, W. Va., when William F. was a youth, and both his parents were born and reared there.

From the schools of his native place, William F. Whitham became a student in what was known as the West Alexander Academy, and then entered into an agricultural life. His father died in 1861, and on Aug. 14, 1862, Mr. Whitham left the farm and enlisted in Co. D, 12th West Va. Vol. Inf., and served until his honorable discharge in June, 1865. During much of this time he was attached to the Army of West Virginia, which later became the Army of the James, and during the whole winter before the surrender of Richmond, he was with his regiment in front of that beleaguered city. He is a valued member of James Noble Post No. 348, G. A. R., at West Alexander, of which he had the honor of being elected the first commander. Mr. Whitham returned to his farm industries and for a number of years gave much attention to raising fine stock and in particular to breeding sheep for wool. In 1902 he came to West Alexander and since August, 1907, has been president of the National Bank at this place, which is regarded as one of the sound and solid financial institutions of the county.

On June 2, 1892, Mr. Whitham was married to Miss Nina Armstrong, who was born in what is now West Finley Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a daughter of the late William Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. Whitham are members of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, in which he is a ruling elder. In his views on public questions he is somewhat independent, although nominally a Republican.

FRANCIS MARION FINLEY, a highly esteemed member of one of the prominent old families of Union Township, Washington County, Pa., now lives retired at Finleyville, a pleasant town which was named to do honor to Gen. Robert Finley, an uncle of Dr. Finley, who was its founder and first postmaster. Dr. Francis

M. Finley was born in Union Township, on the banks of the beautiful Monongahela River, Mar. 7, 1833, and is a son of Levi and Rachel (Neal) Finley, and a grandson of John Finley.

John Finley was probably born in Ireland and he came very early to Allegheny County, Pa., where he acquired large tracts of land and also much land in Union Township, Washington County. He married Margaret Roland and they had sons and daughters, the former bearing the following names: Robert, James, William, John and Levi.

Levi Finley, father of Dr. Finley, was born in a log house on his father's farm in Allegheny County, and he, like his father, led an agricultural life. He came to Washington County in early manhood and is accorded the credit of being the first coal miner in this valley, taking the coal from a mine of his own, at Limetown, and later he became a coal operator on a much larger scale. After the death of his eldest brother, Robert Finley, he moved to the home in Finleyville, which is now the property of Dr. Finley. He married Rachel Neal, who was reared at McKeesport, Pa., and they both died in Finleyville and were interred at Mingo. They had the following children: Melissa, who is the widow of Capt. H. B. Wallace; Miranda, who married Rev. W. W. Lavery and both are deceased; John, who is now deceased; Francis M.; and Rachel, who is deceased, was the wife of John Collins.

Francis Marion Finley was small when his parents moved to the Huston farm in Union Township, and from there to Finleyville, and here he attended school and later went to Washington College, from which he was graduated in 1854. He decided to study medicine and prepared for college under Dr. C. W. Townsend, of Union Township, entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and was pursuing his studies there when his father died. This recalled him home and he then took charge of the home farm of 250 acres, and to its cultivation he devoted the remainder of his active years.

In September, 1869, Dr. Finley was married to Miss Emeline Thompson, who died in 1907. They had one son, Frank H. Following in the footsteps of his honored father, he also studied medicine and is a graduate of the college of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., but he has never entered into active practice. His home is with his father and he is interested in the management of the farm. Dr. Finley, the elder, is identified with the Republican party.

JAMES F. SPEER, a leading citizen of Canonsburg and an honored soldier of the late Civil War, who has served two terms as commander of Thomas Paxton Post, G. A. R., and has also been post quartermaster for six years, has had his home in this section of Washington

County almost all his life. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., three miles from Canonsburg, and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Harsha) Speer.

The father of Mr. Speer was born in Peters Township, Washington Co., Pa., Sept. 18, 1806, and was a wool carder by trade. One of his brothers, Thomas Latta Speer, was a minister and preached at the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. Another brother, James, lived and died in the old homestead in Peters Township. One sister, Mary, married Paul Matthews, another sister, Jane, married Richard Black and she died in Pittsburgh, while the third sister, Deborah, married a Mr. Wells. He married Nancy Harsha, who was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, May 3, 1813, and died Feb. 17, 1903. She was a daughter of Thomas Harsha, who was a very early settler in Chartiers Township. At that early day one of the common farm industries was distilling and Mrs. Speer remembered that in her girlhood she could stand on the porch of her home and count the smoke going up from 13 distilleries. She was one of a family of 13 children and became the mother of seven. Thomas Speer, born Oct. 5, 1839, died Nov. 19, 1861. Jennie Speer, born Aug. 3, 1841, married William Patterson, Aug. 22, 1860, and they reside in Cecil Township. James F. Speer, born Aug. 12, 1843, resides at Canonsburg. Robert Speer, born July 14, 1845, enlisted in Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and died in the service, during the Civil War, Feb. 19, 1865. Stewart Speer, born Apr. 15, 1847, went to Missouri and there married a Miss Barmer and died there Apr. 14, 1873. He is survived by two sons, Stewart and Edward, the former of whom lives at Carthage, Mo., and the latter at Kansas City. Alexander Speer, born Aug. 22, 1849, married Eliza J. Wallace and resides at Canonsburg. Catherine Speer, born May 13, 1852, married Joseph Templeton and resides in North Strabane Township. The father of this family died June 11, 1853.

James F. Speer attended the old Fee School in Chartiers Township, which was a typical pioneer temple of learning, having slab seats, puncheon floor and plenty of ventilation. During one winter, when he was about nine years old, he attended the McNary subscription school. He remained on the farm until the opening of the Civil War, when in answer to the call of the President every town, village and country side sent its quota to swell the ranks of a loyal people. The Speer family contributed two sons, Robert and James F., both of whom were wounded and only one of whom ever returned.

Mr. Speer enlisted in 1861 in Co. B, 55th Pa. Vol. Inf., enlisting for three years. At the battle of Fair Oaks, a struggle covering seven days, he was first wounded, and at Deep Bottom, he was shot through the shoulder, and all through the whole period of service until he was honorably discharged on Aug. 16, 1864, he

bore himself in the face of daily danger, as a brave and loyal soldier. He participated in many of the severest struggles which subsequently brought about the triumph of the Union arms and crushed rebellion and a recital of these brings to the mind of every student of history and true American citizen, the terrible price that was paid for the present peace, the fruits of which are enjoyed not only by the descendants of the old veterans who fought for it, but also by those who often seem forgetful how it was secured. Mr. Speer took part in the battles of Fort Wagner and Fort Gregg, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines (seven days of battling) Jones Ford, Harrison Landing, Suffolk, Black Water, South West Creek, Kingston, White Hall, Goldsboro, Folly Island, Morris Island, White Marsh Island, Charleston, Bermuda Hundred, Strawberry Plains, Chapin's Farm, Deep Bottom, Petersburg and Appomattox. He was corporal, sergeant and sharp-shooter.

Mr. Speer returned to Washington County and learned the bricklaying trade and followed the same until 1901. In 1881 he erected his present handsome residence at Canonsburg where he is one of the representative citizens. He has been a life-long Republican. At different times he has been elected a member of the town council and during one term was president of the same.

On Dec. 10, 1868, Mr. Speer was married to Miss Rebecca E. MacMillan. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Mitchell) MacMillan, a granddaughter of John and Mary MacMillan, and a great-granddaughter of the noted Dr. John MacMillan. Her parents were married January 1, 1835. The father died Aug. 23, 1890, aged 79 years. The mother of Mrs. Speer died in November, 1890, aged 80 years. The father, John MacMillan, was married (first) to Elizabeth Fulton, in March, 1833.

The grandfather of Mrs. Speer was also John MacMillan and the grandmother was Rebecca Anderson. He was married three times and was the father of ten children. Grandfather John MacMillan was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, in 1787.

Rev. John MacMillan, the grandfather of Mrs. Speer, was a man very prominent in the history of Washington County. He was one of the earliest pioneer preachers to push westward and take upon himself the hardships of a preacher's life in the wilderness beyond the Allegheny Mountains. He was born at Fog Manor, N. J., Nov. 11, 1752, and graduated from Princeton College in the fall of 1772. He was licensed to preach in 1774 and came to Washington County and settled in North Strabane Township in 1778, but owing to the hostility of the Indians at that time, was not accompanied by his family, but they subsequently joined him. He died in 1833 at the age of 82 years. He married Catherine Brown. His parents were William and Margaret (Rea) MacMillan, the former of whom was born in 1717 and

died July 2, 1792, and was buried at Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church. The first wife of William MacMillan died in 1768 and he married the mother of Samuel Miller, the latter of whom was associated for several years with Rev. John MacMillan in conducting Jefferson College. Mrs. Speer has one sister, Mrs. H. H. Bebout, residing at Canonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer had six children born to them, namely: Mary Loretta, who was born Sept. 27, 1869, married William P. McConnell, of North Strabane Township, and they have three daughters and one son—Myrtle, Agnes, Gaynes, Hazel and Earl; William L. Speer, who was born Sept. 13, 1871, resides at Allegheny City, married Etta Glass and they have one son, Howard; Minnie Orella, who was born Oct. 25, 1875, married John E. Hill, and they live at Azusa, Cal., and have one son, Speer Hill; Nancy B., who was born May 29, 1878, died Aug. 19, 1880; John Mack, who was born Mar. 30, 1881, resides with his father, married Annie O. O'Roark, and Cora P., who was born Mar. 25, 1884, married Thomas McKowan and they reside in Canonsburg. They have one son, Thomas McKowan. Mr. Speer and family belong to the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg.

PERRY LIGGETT, one of Hopewell Township's most respected citizens, who has resided on his farm of 15 acres for the past 46 years, was born in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., Sept. 5, 1837, and is a son of Jesse and Hanna (Westlake) Liggett. The parents were farming people. They had the following children: William A., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Fletcher Westlake; Lemuel, deceased; Perry, Mary Jane (Cunningham), and Albert.

Perry Liggett attended the public schools in his boyhood and has devoted his whole life to agricultural pursuits and still takes an interest in cultivating his farm. In 1862 he married Miss Rachel Vance, a daughter of James and Susan (Walker) Vance and they have had the following children: Elmer, who resides in Hopewell Township, married Ola Craft and they have seven children—Charles Vance, Denna Blanche, Quentin P., Perry B., Rachel G., Matthew B. and Minnie Ola; Frank, who carries on business in Ohio, married Lucy Liggett and they have a son, Charles C.; and Ray, who resides at home and is engaged as a teamster. He married Maggie Burkhart, and they have seven children: Hilda M., Ralph P., Fred V., Ashley C., Stanton R., Beatrice and Virginia B.

Mrs. Liggett is a member of one of the old county families. Her brother, Robert Vance, is deceased, but her sister, Elvira, survives and is the wife of James Dodds. Mr. and Mrs. Liggett have lived here almost a half century and they have seen many changes take place, many old families wiped out and many modern

improvements made, such as were never even imagined in the early days. They have a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Liggett is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at West Middletown.

ROBERT W. IRWIN, senior member of the prominent law firm of Irwin & Wiley, with offices at Nos. 415-418 Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pa., is a leading member of the Washington County bar. He was born in West Finley Township, Washington Co., Pa., Apr. 25, 1858, and is a son of Ephraim and Margaret (Richey) Irwin.

Both paternal and maternal grandparents of Mr. Irwin were born in North Ireland and they came to Washington County early in the nineteenth century. Ephraim Irwin, father of Robert W., was born in Washington County, followed agricultural pursuits and lived a long and honorable life. He married Margaret Richey and they became the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, who married W. J. Meloy; Esther A., who married Jonas Mills; William R., J. B., Robert W., Sadie M. and an infant son, deceased.

Robert W. Irwin was reared until his 16th year in West Finley Township, working on the farm and attending the district schools. He then accompanied his parents to Buffalo Township, Washington County, and two years later to Cross Creek. In 1877 the family settled permanently in Hopewell Township. Although Mr. Irwin cheerfully performed the duties required of him on the home farm during youth and early manhood, the end he kept constantly in view was the acquisition of knowledge and the subsequent entrance into professional life. He commenced to teach school in the fall of 1875 and while his winters were thus employed, his summers were usually given up to study. He attended the Claysville and Alexander Normal Schools and also paid some attention to the classics. It is remembered that he was especially interested in the debating societies and excelled the other earnest and serious-minded young men of his class in his lucid reasoning and his powers of oratory. These gave indication of the success which has so notably advanced him in his profession, for probably the Washington bar has no more eloquent pleader than Mr. Irwin.

In November, 1877, Mr. Irwin entered upon the study of law in the office of Attorney Boyd Crumrine, and was admitted to the bar on June 15, 1881, since which time he has been continuously engaged in practice at Washington. Upon the retirement of Judge Acheson from the bench, at the latter's request a partnership was formed with Mr. Irwin and during the several years' continuance of the firm of Acheson & Irwin, the combination was considered one of the strongest in the county. Later Mr. Irwin associated with him James

A. Wiley and A. T. Morgan, both being men of recognized legal standing. Mr. Irwin has met with much success in his practice which has been general in character, and his name has been identified with a large amount of the litigation of importance in the county for a number of years.

On Dec. 24, 1884, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Carrie N. Fowler, a daughter of William Fowler, of Westmoreland County, and a niece of William Smith, a prominent citizen of Smithville, Washington County. To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were born the following children: Nellie May, Earl Wilson, Ray Wilson, Frances Margaret, Leona, Edith and Robert, the survivors being Nellie May, now being Mrs. A. B. Loucks; Frances Margaret and Edith. Mr. Irwin and family have an attractive home, its location being No. 85 Highland avenue. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, he is an Elk and a Knight Templar Mason. He is a leading Democrat of Washington County.

CULBERT M. GREER, of Canonsburg, Pa., who is connected with the real estate department of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, at Pittsburgh, was born on Squirrel Hill, Allegheny Co., Pa., Mar. 20, 1853, and is a son of Wesley and Mary Jane (Manes) Greer.

The father of Mr. Greer was born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and died when aged 62 years. The mother was born in Elizabeth Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., and survived her husband for a long period, passing away in January, 1906, when in her 80th year. They had two sons, Culbert M. and Wesley. The latter married Miss Annie Foster, of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, and they reside at Canonsburg.

Culbert M. Greer left school when 18 years of age, having attended Jefferson Academy and Washington and Jefferson College. He then left the home farm and for the following eight years was engaged in a hardware and implement business, and when he disposed of that, he returned to the farm in Cecil Township, where he went into the registered stock business. He became a well-known and reliable breeder of Holstein and Guernsey cattle and also trotting and draft horses, and owned some of the finest stock in Washington County. In 1899 he began optioning coal for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and perhaps has purchased more valuable coal properties than any man ever connected with the company. His business judgment is almost faultless and his tact and diplomacy are also recognized factors. Mr. Greer owns a large amount of property located in different sections, valuable farm land in Chartiers Township and realty in Canonsburg. He has been a resident of Washington County since he was 10 years old, and he has lived in the vicinity of the borough of Canonsburg since 1862. His business interests are many, varied and

important and his name will seldom be found identified with any enterprise that is not solidly financed.

Mr. Greer married Miss Margaret S. Clark, a daughter of James and Mary Jane (Dickson) Clark, and she was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County. To Mr. and Mrs. Greer three children have been born, two daughters and one son: Lucile, who is the wife of Dr. Charles L. Harsha, of Canonsburg; James Clark and Alice. Mr. Greer is a member of the Greenside United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for 21 years. In his political views he is a Republican.

ADDISON F. BURNS, a highly respected and well-known resident of McDonald, Pa., where he lives, practically retired from business activity, has been largely identified with oil production for a number of years and still owns eight valuable oil wells, together with a one-fourth interest in 12 other wells and a one-twelfth interest in 24 more. He is also an honored veteran of the Civil War and is secretary and treasurer of the Survivors' Reunion Association of Capt. Easton's Light Battery A, 1st Pa. Reserves. Mr. Burns was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1846, and is a son of William and Mary Jane (Sergeant) Burns.

William Burns was engaged in the lumber business for a number of years, but later turned his attention to the oil industry and continued to be associated with that until his death, which occurred in 1893. He married Mary Jane Sergeant, who died in 1889, and they had the following children: Olive Jane, who married William F. McCullough; Addison F., Delay F., who died in 1900; Sarah Ann, who married Henry Camp; and Harriet R. and Charles N. The paternal grandparents were David and Elizabeth Burns, and the maternal were Jesse and Elizabeth Sergeant.

Addison F. Burns attended the district schools until he was 14 years of age and then began to be useful to his father on the home place and worked for him until he went into the army, becoming a member of Capt. Easton's Light Battery A, 1st Pa. Reserves. After his period of military service was over he returned home and went into the lumber business with his father until 1872 and then gave his main attention to dealing in real estate until 1877, at which time he became interested in oil production and that was actively pursued until 1898, when he came to McDonald, where he has lived somewhat retired for a few years.

Mr. Burns was married (first) in 1867, to Miss Sarah E. Underoffer, who died June 15, 1878. They had five children: Harry, Forest E., Ora L., Cressie and Naomi. Ora I. is the wife of L. W. Gibbs. Cressie died in 1881 and Naomi died in 1907. Mr. Burns was married (second) to Miss Lida Pike, a daughter of William and Eliza Pike, who were natives of St. John's, New Found-

land. William Pike was a sea captain, who lost his life at sea in 1868. Richard Pike, a cousin of Mrs. Burns, commanded the ship Kite in the Greeley expedition to search for the North Pole. William Pike and wife had three children: Anna, who married Frank Lott; Elizabeth, who is deceased; and Lida, who is the wife of Mr. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have four children: Charles A., Lillian, Robert W. and Leroy F. The family attends the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Burns is a Republican.

JAMES C. CORRIN, a retired grocer of Monongahela City, Pa., who has been a resident here all of his life, was born Mar. 25, 1856, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Hudson) Corrin.

William Corrin, who was born on the Isle of Man, off the coast of England, came to America about 1848, and located at Monongahela City, Pa., where for many years he followed building and contracting. He died here in 1883 at the age of 70 years, and his wife, who was also a native of the Isle of Man, died in 1896 at the age of 76 years. They were the parents of ten children, the six oldest of whom were born on the Isle of Man, namely: Catherine, who is the wife of John Sutman; William; Edward, who died at the age of 65 years; Anna, who married H. Underwood; John T.; Ella, who is the wife of James Yohe. The four born in America are: Joseph H., Alfred B., James Calvin, the subject of this sketch; and Emma, who is the wife of George Walker.

James Calvin Corrin attended the public schools, and when a young man learned the plasterer's trade with A. T. Gregg. He subsequently followed contracting for 16 years and about 1892, engaged in the grocery business with James Skillen, with whom he was associated in that business for 11 years. He first located on Fourth and Main streets, on the present site of the First National Bank, and after his nephew purchased Mr. Skillen's interest in the business, the firm was known as Corrin & Corrin. They employed ten clerks in the store and had an extensive trade until 1908, when the firm disposed of the business, since which time Mr. Corrin has been living in retirement, and his nephew, W. T. Corrin, went to Denver in search of health. Beside his residence property, located at No. 520 Chess street, Mr. Corrin owns considerable other real estate, and he and H. C. Sutman laid out North Charleroi, disposing of their land there in a few years.

In January, 1897, Mr. Corrin married Mrs. Maggie E. (Wickerham) Penrod, a daughter of Adam Wickerham, and the widow of Noah Penrod, who left one son, Charles Edgar Penrod. Her great-grandfather laid out the lower portion of Monongahela City, and her father is the oldest living native of Monongahela City.

Politically, Mr. Corrin is an adherent of the Demo-

cratic party, is a member of the Democratic County Committee, and is serving his fourth term as a councilman from the Third Ward. He is fraternally a Mason, and past worshipful master of the Henry M. Phillips Lodge of Monongahela City, and is also a member of the B. P. O. E.

JOHN G. HALL, county recorder of Washington County, Pa., is one of the county's representative men, with the public affairs of which he has been identified almost continuously since he reached manhood. He was born at Washington, Pa., Apr. 27, 1872, and is a son of James Add and Anna (Martin) Hall and a grandson of the late Gen. John Hall.

After graduating from the public schools of Washington, John G. Hall entered Washington and Jefferson College, leaving there in order to accept a proffered clerkship in the Washington postoffice. Later he was appointed deputy sheriff of Washington County and served in the office with efficiency and in 1903 he was first elected county recorder. His subsequent re-election was proof sufficient as to his capacity and popularity. He possesses much of the geniality that contributed greatly to the success of his late grandfather, Gen. John Hall, in his long and successful public career. Mr. Hall is a prominent factor in Republican politics, is an earnest worker for his party and has served as secretary and chairman of the Republican County Committee. His place of residence is at No. 252 Locust Avenue, Washington.

WILLIAM R. DICKSON, M.D., physician and surgeon at McDonald, Pa., where he is a leading and representative citizen, was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., Aug. 28, 1868, and is a son of William A. and Elizabeth R. (McBurney) Dickson.

The father of Dr. Dickson was a farmer in Allegheny County where his death occurred. His widow survives and resides at Crafton, Pa. Their parents were: William and Margaret (Glenn) Dickson, and Robert and Elizabeth (Welch) McBurney. They had the following children: Margaret Glenn, Elizabeth R., Robert M., Anna, William R., Agnes J., Walter E. and Bertha L. Of the above family, Anna is the wife of Rev. W. E. Barcus. Walter E. is engaged in the practice of dental surgery at Burgetstown. Bertha L. is deceased.

William R. Dickson attended the public schools and Ingleside Academy, later Westminster College and subsequently the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, now the University of Pittsburg, where he was graduated in medicine and immediately located at McDonald, where he has a large and substantial practice. He is a very active citizen, taking a deep interest in all that promises to be beneficial to the city. He has served as a member of the

school board for five years and was in the city council for four years. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Dickson was married Mar. 29, 1898, to Miss Jane E. Donaldson, a daughter of Rev. J. B. Donaldson, of New Wilmington. Mrs. Dickson has one sister and two brothers: Frances, who is the wife of Dr. A. A. Aiken; and Thomas I. and John, the latter of whom is a physician. Dr. and Mrs. Dickson have three children: Frances Elizabeth, Robert Glenn, and William R. Dr. Dickson and wife are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and is identified with the Blue Lodge at McDonald and the Council, Chapter and Commandery at Pittsburg. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias, the Heptasophs and the Royal Arcanum, all at McDonald.

HON. JOHN A. McILVAINE, president judge of the courts of Washington County, 27th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and president of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Apr. 13, 1843. His parents were William and Matilda McIlvaine, and he is a grandson of Greer McIlvaine, who settled in Somerset Township about 1789, coming from the eastern part of the state.

Judge McIlvaine acquired his elementary education in the common schools of his native township. On Sept. 19, 1860, he entered the junior preparatory department of Jefferson College, Canonsburg. Here he proved his natural ability and taste for work by doing double duty, and was rewarded by being admitted to the Freshman class at the beginning of the fall term of 1861. In 1865 he was graduated with the second honor of his class, which consisted of 36 members, and delivered the Latin salutatory on Commencement day. This was the last class graduated at Jefferson College before its union with Washington College, the two institutions forming thereafter Washington and Jefferson College, the noted educational center at Washington.

Making choice of law as his profession, Mr. McIlvaine entered as a student the law office of Hon. Boyd Crumrine, at Washington, and was admitted to the bar at the August term of 1867. For two years following he was clerk in the office of the county treasurer. He then went to Wichita, Kan., where he served for one year as clerk of the District Court. Called home in July, 1872, by the illness of his father, he saw and embraced a favorable opportunity for opening an office in Washington. During the remainder of that year and in 1873, he served as secretary of the Republican County Vigilant Committee. In 1874 he was elected district attorney for Washington County and was subsequently elected for a second consecutive term, serving in all for six years.



HON. JOHN A. McILVAINE





The impression he made as incumbent of this office is well reflected in the comment of one of the leading newspapers of the county, which, although of opposite politics, said: "Mr. McVaine has been the chosen officer to represent the people in all criminal prosecutions in this county for the past six years, and we but echo the sentiment of all conversant with the facts, when we say that he has discharged the trust with great ability and fairness. He is a hard worker and always had a knowledge of the facts, and was fully prepared to present them in a methodical and convincing way. Although a vigorous prosecutor, he was fair; and no defendant had just cause to complain of any undue advantage having been taken of him."

While serving in the office of district attorney, Mr. McVaine formed a law partnership with M. L. A. McCracken and the firm soon obtained a gratifying share of professional business. This connection lasted until Mr. McVaine's election, on Nov. 4, 1886, to the office of President Judge of the 27th Judicial District, for a term of ten years. To this office he was re-elected in 1896, and again for a third term, in 1906. Owing to the great development in the oil and gas industries of this county, the volume of legal business has largely increased since Judge McVaine first took his seat on the bench, but it is the universal opinion among his brethren of the bench and bar that he has been fully equal to the responsibilities which have devolved upon him. But seldom have his rulings and decisions been reversed in the Supreme Court. Before his election to the third term a desire was expressed on many sides for his appointment to the Supreme Court Bench of the State, but he declared himself better satisfied to continue in the position he now so ably fills.

On Dec. 17, 1874, Judge McVaine was married to Miss Ada C. Shaw, of Philadelphia. No children have come to complete his household. He is an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He has been closely identified with educational movements and for many years was a member of the board of trustees of the Washington Female Seminary. He is a man of kind and genial manner and his unvarying courtesy is no mere mask, but the outward expression of a kind and generous heart, which finds pleasure in deeds of charity and benevolence.

JAMES C. RUSSELL, general farmer and dairyman, who has lived on his present fine farm which contains over 171 acres and is situated in Smith Township, Washington Co., Pa., for the past 35 years, was born in this township, Nov. 5, 1847. His parents were John S. and Jane (Simpson) Russell.

John S. Russell, father of James C., was a native of Ohio; but for many years he followed agricultural pur-

suits in Smith Township, Washington County, where he died Sept. 15, 1879. His first marriage was to Jane Simpson, who died in 1853 and was buried at Raceoon Center. They had eight children: Eleanor, Cynthia, Margaret, Ophelia, W. S., Agnes, James C. and D. A. John S. Russell was married (second) to Mary A. Vincent and they had two children: Alice Jane and John V. The second wife is also deceased.

James C. Russell obtained his education in the common schools of Smith Township and afterward assisted his father on the home farm until he was 25 years of age. In 1874 he settled on his present farm, where he has done a large amount of improving, including the erection of all the buildings now standing. In 1888 he started into the dairy business, prior to that having been a large sheep grower. He operates his dairy with thoroughbred Jersey cows, securing 50 gallons of milk daily, all of which he has shipped to the same Pittsburg firm for the past 13 years. There is one gas well on the farm.

On November 21, 1872, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Eliza Jane Brimmer, a daughter of James Brimmer, and they have three children: John V., M. Jane and J. S. Mr. Russell and family are members of the Raceoon Presbyterian Church, of which he is treasurer. In politics he is a Democrat. He is an interested citizen of his township, pays a great deal of attention to the public schools and has served six years as a school director.

WILLIAM B. MURDOCH, who is associated with his brother in a wholesale florist and nursery business at Canonsburg, and is engaged in carrying on an enterprise which was established at Pittsburg, prior to 1840, by his late father, James Murdoch, this being one of the oldest florist and nursery houses in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Murdoch was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., July 29, 1871, and is a son of James and Margaret (Bleakley) Murdoch.

James Murdoch was born in Ireland and was a child when his parents brought him to America. He was reared and spent his life at Pittsburg. In partnership with his brother, William Murdoch, he founded the business to which his sons, William B. and James B. Murdoch, succeeded. James Murdoch died at Pittsburg, January 25, 1893, when aged seventy-five years. He married Margaret Bleakley, who was born in Lawrence County, Pa., who still survives and resides at Coraopolis, Pa. To James and Margaret Murdoch there were born three sons and two daughters: James B., who resides at Canonsburg, married Sarah Sneathen; Frank C., who resides at Coraopolis Heights, married Anna Patterson, and is now a capitalist there, having formerly been a florist; Margaret, who is deceased; Esther, who is now deceased, was the wife of David K. Murdoch; and William B., subject of this sketch.

William B. Murdoch attended the public schools at Pittsburg and then entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in the class of 1896. He immediately went into the florist and nursery business, in partnership with his brother and they have developed it into one of the largest enterprises of its kind in this section. The firm was originally only a retail one, dealing mainly in cut flowers, with greenhouses on Squirrel Hill and two stores in Pittsburg, but since coming to Washington County a wholesale business has been done exclusively. In the spring of 1902 they moved the business to Van Eman, where they have four steel-frame, modernly-constructed greenhouses with dimensions of 30 by 400 feet, together with three smaller structures, this firm and one other being the only florists in western Pennsylvania to utilize the steel frame for their buildings. In addition to the large business done in the line mentioned, the firm is interested in oil production in both Washington and Allegheny counties, while the three brothers have large real estate interests in Pittsburg and own also a farm of sixty acres.

At Sewickley, Pa., Mr. Murdoch was married, September 21, 1899, to Miss Florence S. Murdoch, a daughter of Hugh J. and Rachel (Hutton) Murdoch. The father of Mrs. Murdoch was the publisher of the United Presbyterian for many years, being a member of the well-known publishing firm at Pittsburg, of Murdoch, Kerr & Company. He died May 20, 1903, at the age of sixty-nine years, his wife having passed away January 29, 1898, aged sixty-two years. To Hugh J. and Rachel Murdoch the following children were born: James H., who is a physician engaged in practice at Allegheny, Pa.; Hugh, who is a printer, resides at Pittsburg; David K., who is also a printer, lives at Sewickley; J. Floyd, who is a physician, resides at Sewickley; Frank S., who is an electrician, lives at Sewickley; Annie K., who is the wife of J. W. Arrott, Jr.; William E., who is deceased; Susan J., deceased, who was the wife of Dr. S. F. Shannon, formerly of Pittsburg; and Florence S., who is the wife of William B. Murdoch. Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch have one son, William B., Jr. They are members of Greenside United Presbyterian Church.

GEN. JOHN HALL, one of Washington County's most distinguished citizens, was born in Morris Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1832, and died in his native county, October 20, 1906. He was one of seven children born to Thomas and Catherine (Rainey) Hall. His father was born in County Down, Ireland, and emigrated to America early in the nineteenth century, settling first in Virginia and later removing to western Pennsylvania.

John Hall received the education obtainable in the country schools of the time and later learned the tailor's

trade, going into business with his brother, James Hall, at Dunningville. Some years later he removed to Williamsport (now Monongahela City) and engaged in the grocery business. In 1851 he was elected county treasurer of Washington County and removed to Washington in 1852. From 1855 to 1856 he was in the employ of the Portage Railway Company (now the Pennsylvania) as a wood agent, having charge of the purchase of wood then used as fuel for the locomotives. During the years 1857-8-9 he was proprietor of the Fulton House in Washington, which stood on the corner of Main and Beau streets, and was at that time one of the best known hostleries in western Pennsylvania. In the winter of 1859 he turned the hotel over to his brother, Thomas M. Hall. In the same year he was elected transcribing clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania and was also appointed brigadier-general of the State militia. On 1861 he enlisted in the United States Army and went to Washington, D. C. During the last six months of 1861 he was President Lincoln's private secretary. Later he was commissioned commissary of subsistence by President Lincoln and assigned to Gen. Wessell's brigade, remaining in the service until the close of the war, in 1865, when he resigned.

After the war, President Grant appointed Gen. Hall deputy United States marshal for western Pennsylvania. He served for three years and succeeded the Hon. Alexander Murdoch as marshal. President Grant reappointed him, in his second term, and he was successively appointed to this position by both Presidents Arthur and Hayes, serving in all twelve years as marshal and deputy marshal. During the administration of President Hayes, on one occasion when Gen. Hall was the guest of honor at a reception and dinner given by President and Mrs. Hayes, he was accorded the honor of escorting Mrs. Hayes out to dinner. Gen. Hall and President Hayes were united closely in the bonds of friendship.

After his retirement from public service, Gen. Hall engaged in farming and breeding fine Shorthorn cattle, on the old Wiley and Montgomery farms in Canton Township, near Washington. He was tendered the nomination for governor of Pennsylvania by the late Senator Quay and "Bob" Mackey, who were then in control of State politics, but declined the honor, and Gov. Hoyt was nominated and elected. Later, Gen. Hall disposed of his farm and, following the death of his wife, formerly Miss Nancy Jones, of Somerset Township, lived a retired life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Wiley, where his death occurred.

Gen. Hall was an earnest, consistent Christian and for many years was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, having borne an active part in the construction of the splendid edifice on East Bean street occupied by the congregation. At the time of his

death he was president of the board of trustees. To Gen. Hall and wife were born four children: J. Add, John A., Robert T., and Belle, who became the wife of W. C. Wiley. At the time of his death his daughter, Mrs. Wiley, and one son, J. Add, were living.

During his long term in public office, Gen. Hall was brought into contact with hundreds of people, both in a business and social way, and it is probable that no man of his time had more friends. His genial manner, his strict integrity, his uniform courtesy and his ever present desire to aid those who required assistance, so stamped his personality upon all people who knew him, that it may be safely said that he was one of the most highly esteemed men of his time.

**SAMUEL H. JACKSON**, postmaster at Claysville, Pa., a very popular government official, has served in this capacity since 1897, having been appointed during the first administration of President McKinley. Mr. Jackson was born at Claysville, Pa., April 10, 1851, and is a son of Oliver P. and Louisa (Cooper) Jackson.

The father of Mr. Jackson was born in Bedford County, Pa., and later lived in Somerset County, coming from there to Claysville in the early thirties. He married Louisa Cooper, who died in 1873, whom he survived until 1889. Her father, Samuel Cooper, operated one of the first blacksmith shops at Claysville. Postmaster Jackson has one brother and two sisters residing in Claysville, namely: Chester B.; Alice A., wife of Buchanan Allendar; and Nora, wife of Oliver Martin.

Samuel H. Jackson obtained his education in the public schools at Claysville and his subsequent life has been spent in associations which have largely contributed to the broadening of all his faculties. From early manhood he has been more or less connected with public affairs in his county and State and in his own city has served in municipal bodies and has been president of the school board. His first government office was that of store keeper and gauger and for a time he was stationed at Monongahela City and Allenport. In 1890 he was the choice of the Republican party as its candidate for county clerk but failed of election. In 1885 he was elected a jury commissioner of Washington County and served with the utmost efficiency for three years. He has always been an active Republican and wields a large amount of influence. In 1892 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and subsequently was elected for a succeeding term. Owing to his appointment as postmaster, October 1, 1897, he did not serve out his second term as justice.

The Claysville postoffice is carefully conducted and the rights of the patrons and their convenience acknowledged and consulted. Mr. Jackson has as his assistant,

his daughter, Mrs. James Smith, a lady who enjoys with him the esteem and good will of the public.

Mr. Jackson married Miss Mary A. Little, a daughter of William Little, of Washington County, and formerly of Buffalo Township, and they have had nine children born to them, namely: May, who is the wife of E. E. Lindley, of Homestead, Pa.; Blanche E., who is the wife of Edward Clem, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Gertrude, who is the wife of Homer Griffith, of East Finley Township; Cecelia, who is the wife of James Smith, of Claysville; William O., who resides at Pittsburg; James R., who lives in New Orleans, La.; and Eva and Winifred, both of whom reside at home; and Mrs. Melvin, of Claysville. Mr. Jackson and family are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a trustee. The handsome new church edifice of this denomination was dedicated July 4, 1909, and Mr. Jackson was chairman of the building committee that so satisfactorily attended to the financial affairs during its construction.

**ANDREW RUSSELL JEFFREY**, a public spirited and substantial citizen of Cross Creek Township, where he owns a valuable farm of 172 acres, for many years carried on large agricultural operations there and then moved his family into Washington. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., March 17, 1853, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (Russell) Jeffrey.

A. R. Jeffrey obtained a district school education. When twenty years of age he became a farmer and continued in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, paying considerable attention to stock raising, making a specialty of hogs and sheep. He divides his time pleasantly between his city and his country homes.

On September 30, 1880, Mr. Jeffrey was married to Miss Clarinda Hutchinson, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Johs) Hutchinson, residing near Taylorstown. They have had four children, all of whom were afforded every educational advantage. Anna Lonethel, the eldest, resides at home, and is the capable bookkeeper for the Washington Glass Manufacturing Company. Elsie M. is deceased. Bertha G. and Hazel also live at home. The former is one of the four qualified pharmacists from Washington County, who passed the examination held at Pittsburg, in the fall of 1908.

Mr. Jeffrey and family attend the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington, having formerly been members of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory, in which Mr. Jeffrey was a trustee at different times. He has been a Republican ever since he cast his first vote. On many occasions he was nominated to different township offices, but his liberal views on public improvements and his known advocacy of good roads and superior schools, prevented him being supported by the majority

of the tax payers. He has the satisfaction, however, of knowing that his standards are those recognized by the most worthy type of good citizens.

JAMES FINDLEY BOYD, oil producer, with interests in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, has been identified with the oil industry since 1889. He was born near Sandy Lake, Mercer Co., Pa., September 30, 1865, and is a son of Barber and Isabel (Burrows) Boyd, and a grandson of Thomas and Nancy Boyd and of George and Mary Burrows.

The father of Mr. Boyd was a farmer through all his active years and he and wife still live in Mercer County. In politics he is a Democrat and both he and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They reared the following children: Guy F.; Sylvester B.; James Findley; Nannie, who married George Eckles; Mary, who married M. D. Haggarty; Walter F.; Lina E., who married Frank Osborne; and Newton G.

James Findley Boyd went from the public schools of Mercer County to McElwaine Institute, a preparatory school at Lebanon, Pa., and after four years of close study was most creditably graduated there. Later he attended the State Normal School at Edinboro and subsequently taught school for five terms in Mercer County. He then turned his attention to the oil industry, a business which was assuming large proportions in Pennsylvania, and after spending two years in Warren County he came to Washington County, in which he has ever since made his home. Formerly he was rig-builder and also forman for the South Penn. Oil Company, but is now individually interested.

On September 14, 1899, Mr. Boyd was married to Miss Marian Oldfield, a daughter of Joseph and Marian (Simpson) Oldfield, who are residents of McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield have the following children: Thomas, Robert, Emma, Marian, Elizabeth and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is an Independent. He served three years in the borough council, but otherwise he has not filled political office. He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, in the former fraternity being a member of Garfield Lodge at McDonald and of Chartiers Commandery, and has attained to the thirty-second degree. Mr. Boyd is one of the well-known and representative citizens of Washington County and through many years of experience, has become an authority concerning the oil industry.

WILLIAM WYLIE, who, for the past twenty years has followed his profession, that of a civil engineer, at Washington, maintaining an office at present at No. 131 Jefferson avenue, was born November 10, 1859, in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he spent his early life, and is a son of Robert, a grandson of William

and a great-grandson of Robert Wylie, all of whom have been identified with Washington County.

The first of the family to locate in Washington County, as a pioneer, was Robert Wylie, who came directly from Ireland in 1761, and became a strong civilizing personality. His son, William Wylie, was born in Canton Township, September 25, 1800, and engaged in farming and merchandising. His son, Robert Wylie, was also born in Canton Township, August 25, 1830, and still resides there, occupying a farm adjoining the old Wylie homestead and still interested in farming, wool buying, and oil production.

William Wylie, of Washington, went from the Canton Township schools to Washington and Jefferson College and later took a commercial and mathematical course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg. For a time he was then associated with his father in the wool business but since has given his entire attention to his profession, now residing at No. 131 Jefferson avenue.

He is competent in every line, his work including mining engineering, bridge, railroad and water works construction, having served as chief engineer in planning and constructing many systems of electric railways, water works and coal works. He also designed and built thirty of the first solid concrete bridges in the county, and he has designed many successful structures for the companies which have employed him, that later became standard and were adopted and copied by other engineers at every chance. For the past three years Mr. Wylie has been in the employ of the county commissioners in bridge and highway work as county engineer. He is a director in the Real Estate Trust Company and a stockholder in the Pittsburg Coal Company and in several other financial institutions.

On June 16, 1885, Mr. Wylie was married to Miss Mary W. Gist, who was born August 27, 1861, and is a daughter of J. C. Gist, of Brooke County, W. Va. Through the Revolutionary heroes, Christopher Gist, and Isaac Heaton, she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have three children: Elizabeth Beall, born October 6, 1887, a graduate of the Washington Seminary; Clara Virginia, born November 21, 1891, a student at the Washington Female Seminary; and William Clark Gist, born January 24, 1898. Mr. Wylie and family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at Washington.

ROBERT A. GEARY, owner of a tract of 247 acres in Robeson Township, Washington Co., Pa., operates a dairy in connection with farming, which he has followed all of his life, and was born March 2, 1838, on the old Richard Donaldson farm in Washington County, and is a son of R. D. and Maria (Glass) Geary, and a grandson of Alexander and Elizabeth Geary, who came to this





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county in 1806 and purchased land for six dollars an acre. R. D. Geary was a farmer and school teacher and his union with Maria Glass resulted in the birth of five children, all of whom are deceased but our subject. Mrs. Geary died about 1843 and he subsequently married Nancy Fulton, by whom he had three children: Samuel; Mary, who married Eli Wilkison; and Maria Jane.

Robert A. Geary was reared on the farm and received but a limited amount of schooling as he was obliged to assist with the farm work at an early age, and started to plow when ten years old. Mr. Geary has always followed farming and purchased his farm from his father and his heirs, his original purchase consisting of 119 acres, to which he added later and now has 247 acres. He has erected a fine modern home and rebuilt the barns and other buildings, and has two producing gas wells on the farm, but has never tried for oil.

Mr. Geary was married January 17, 1867, to Jane King, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cooper) King, who were farmers of Washington County, and the parents of the following children: Margaret; Jane, wife of our subject; Anna; Martha, deceased; and William J. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geary but they have reared three children, namely: Charles; Catherine, who is the wife of William Woods; and Bessie, who married R. R. Cummins. The family holds membership with the Midway United Presbyterian Church.

HON. JAMES F. TAYLOR, Additional Law Judge of the 27th Judicial District and one of the best known members of the legal profession in Washington County, was born in South Strabane Township, Jan. 15, 1854. His parents were William Henry Harrison and Jane E. (Jones) Taylor, and he is a descendant in the fourth generation of Henry Taylor, who came to Washington County from Cecil County, Md., some time prior to the year 1780. This pioneer of great prominence was the great-grandfather of Hon. James F. Taylor. He was the first president judge of the Washington County Courts, serving first from Oct. 2, 1781, to Oct. 1, 1783; he served a second term Sept. 30, 1788, to Sept. 22, 1791. He was one of the most trusted agents of the government during the Whiskey Insurrection, and at that time was general of the militia. His commission signed by Gov. Thomas Mifflin is now in possession of the subject of this record, as is also the commission of Henry Taylor as first president judge.

Matthew Taylor, one of the family of eleven children born to Henry Taylor and Jane White Taylor, his wife, was the oldest daughter of John White, and the grandfather of James F., came into possession of the old homestead in South Strabane Township, Washington County, and followed farming through life. He married

Nancy Hutchinson and to them were born eleven children, William Henry Harrison, father of Hon. James E., being the fifth in order of birth. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1830, and his education was obtained in the district schools and at Washington and Jefferson College, which latter institution he attended for several years. At home he was taught all the duties pertaining to the management of the farm and there he remained until 1866, when he moved to Washington in order to afford his children better educational opportunities. He there embarked in a general fresh and salt meat business, which included pork packing and stock buying. His successful business career was brought to a close by his untimely death when aged but 55 years. He was a man of sterling character and was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He gave his children every advantage in his power and received from them the loving veneration of dutiful descendants. In politics he was an earnest supporter of Republican principles, not for any advantage that would accrue to him, but because he believed in their soundness. He was a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its benevolent enterprises and was a consistent member for many years. In 1850, he married Miss Jane E. Jones, a daughter of Charles E. and Sarah (Judson) Jones, both of whom were born in England. They came to America in 1827, locating at Washington, where Mr. Jones followed carpentering and contracting. Mrs. Sarah Jones died in 1871, and Charles E. Jones in 1883.

To William H. H. Taylor and wife six children were born, as follows: Edward M., James Franklin, Emma, Alice, William Nelson and Susan Jane. Edward M. was graduated in 1872 from Washington and Jefferson College and afterwards from the Boston School of Divinity. He is now pastor of the Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church at Boston, Mass. He married Mary Bradford, a descendant of Gov. Bradford of the Plymouth Colony. Emma, the oldest daughter, married the late John A. Hall, who was assistant postmaster at Washington for many years. Alice died when aged 11 years. William Nelson graduated from the Poughkeepsie Business College and now resides in East End, Pittsburg, and is a vice president and manager of the National Lead and Oil Company and a director of the Commonwealth Trust Company of that city. He married a daughter of Stephen Crump. Susan Jane is the wife of Dr. J. M. Maurer, of Washington. The mother of the above family, although now advanced in years, enjoys good health and continues to reside at the old town home of the family which is situated on West Wheeling street.

James Franklin Taylor received a good English education in the public schools of Washington, to which place he came with his parents when about 12 years old.

He then became a student in the preparatory department of Washington and Jefferson College and remained until the end of the junior year at which time he left college, intending to return after a year's recuperation. However, after he realized that his old classmates had graduated and gone from the institution in the meanwhile, when his vacation was over he decided to take up the study of law at Washington and for this purpose entered the office of Hon. Boyd Crumrine, in 1876. On Oct. 15, 1879, he was admitted to the bar and returned to Mr. Crumrine's office as an assistant and remained associated with him until 1883, in which year he was elected district attorney. His popularity and efficiency were proved by his re-election to the office for another three-year term. He was secretary of the Republican County Committee, and in 1882 was elected its chairman. He served also as assistant burgess of Washington for one term. On Jan. 1, 1891, he formed a law partnership with Winfield McIlvaine, which connection lasted for a number of years, the firm being one of the strongest combinations of legal talent in the county.

On June 24, 1895, Mr. Taylor was appointed judge of Common Pleas, by Gov. Hastings. He was elected Additional Law Judge of the 27th Judicial District, in November, 1895, for a ten-year term, and was re-elected to the same position in November, 1905. His record on the bench has shown him to be possessed of all the requisite qualifications for the judgeship, these including quick intelligence, a broad and discriminating mind and an absolute sense of fairness and impartiality that enables him to give to each side of a case full and equal consideration. His uniform courtesy has rendered him popular with the members of the bar and there is little doubt that history will record his name as one of the ablest jurists of Washington County.

Judge Taylor was married in September, 1884, to Annie Walton, the eldest daughter of Rev. Richard L. Miller, D. D., pastor of a Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsburg. They are parents of four children: Alice, Woodward, Virginia and Gladys. In December, 1907, Alice was married to Clifton F. Brittain, of Crofton, Pa. In February, 1908, Virginia was married to Carl D. Schultz, of Pittsburg. Judge Taylor and family enjoy a comfortable home in the neat brick residence at No. 375 East Maiden street.

Judge Taylor is a Republican and was chosen a presidential elector at the Republican State Convention in 1908. He has been connected in various ways and at different times with the general progress and business interests of the county. He was one of the first directors of the Citizens' National Bank and one of its original stockholders, and was one of the three members of the building committee appointed on the erection of the said bank. For a number of years he has been a trustee of

Washington and Jefferson College, and he now is president of the General Alumni Association of said college. While a student there he was a prominent member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and has never lost interest in that society.

JAMES J. HOTT, who is superintendent of the Charleroi Brewery, which is a branch of the Independent Brewing Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., was burgess of Charleroi from 1906 until March 4, 1909, and is identified with various leading business enterprises of this city, and is well-known throughout the county. He was born April 10, 1861, on a farm in Hardy County, W. Va., and is a son of John H. and Eliza Jane (Saville) Hott. When a lad of six years his parents removed to Rawlings Station, Md., and thence to Frostburg, Md., where the father died in 1894, and the mother in 1904.

James J. Hott was practically reared at Frostburg, where he attended the common schools. On June 1, 1888, he came to Pennsylvania and located at Connellsville, where he engaged in the piano, sewing machine and organ business until 1891, when he came to Charleroi, where he carried on the same business for two years. In May, 1893, Mr. Hott became proprietor of the Hotel Redd, which he conducted until May 1, 1896, at which time he purchased the Hotel Clement, of which he was proprietor for a period of six years. He disposed of his interest in the hotel in April, 1902, and embarked in the real estate and insurance business, and for the past three years has been superintendent of the Charleroi Brewery. Mr. Hott is also president of the Charleroi Real Estate Agency, is a director of the Bank of Charleroi, also of the Telephone Company, and is vice-president and a director of the Adena Mining Company, of Adena, Ohio.

Mr. Hott served five years on the Charleroi council, of which he was president two years. He is a charter member of the Elks at Charleroi. On March 31, 1909, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hassinger.

ALBERT DAVIS SCOTT, one of the oldest merchants of Monongahela City, Pa., and a life-long resident of this locality, was born in April, 1844, and is a son of John and Hannah (Davis) Scott.

John Scott was born in 1798, in Maryland, and in 1800 was brought by his parents across the mountains in a pack saddle and located in Washington County, Pa., near Monongahela City. His father, James Scott, was a carpet weaver by trade and died at Millsboro. John was reared in Washington County, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed many years. In 1835 he drove a six-horse team across the mountains carrying merchandise, our subject having in his possession an old invoice, showing one load of five tons. John Scott spent his entire life within ten miles of Monon-

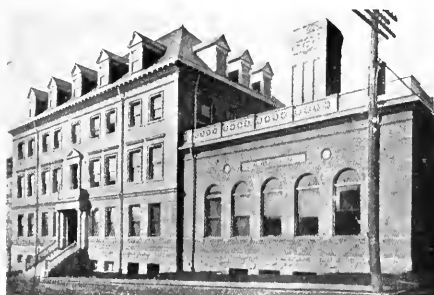




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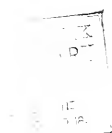
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gahela City and died in 1890 in his ninety-second year. He was first united in marriage with Hannah Davis, who came here from Ohio, and of their union were born ten children, most of whom died young: Amanda, deceased; Cassie, married William Boyle, both deceased; Rebecca, deceased; Anna, deceased; Albert Davis, the subject of this sketch, was the only son, who grew to maturity.

Albert D. Scott was reared near Monongahela City, attended the district schools of that locality three months each year until seventeen years of age, when, owing to the poor circumstances of the family, he started out in life for himself, working at all kinds of odd jobs, spending some time in the brick yards, and also worked on the river. He managed by much hard labor to lay aside a little money, and when the Civil War broke out, he and two neighbor boys, James and Kerr Cassner, started a meat wagon through this part of the country. The cattle were butchered at the Cassner farm, which was located on the present site of Donora, Pa., and the meat peddled along the river. In 1858 he entered the employ of David H. Williams, who was a farmer of Monongahela City, with whom he formed a partnership the following year, and with whom he continued in business about ten years. They were among the unfortunates during the panic of 1873 and dropped the meat business. About 1878, they opened a grocery store in Monongahela City, in our subject's present store, but during the following winter lost money by giving credit, and finally dissolved partnership, dividing their stock, etc. Mr. Scott remained in the old location and opened his present store on a cash basis and as business has increased has enlarged his store room and added to his stock, now carrying a complete line of groceries, fine china, cut glass, lamps, etc.

In December, 1869, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Rebecca Ammon, who was born and reared near Monongahela City, and they have had a family of five children: Anna Retta, wife of S. C. Markell; Mary, is the widow of John Oehrle and has one child, John Albert Scott Oehrle; Albert T., married Mable Collard, and has two children, Amanda R. and Robert K.; Judson K., who is manager of his father's store; and John, who died aged seven years. Mr. Scott's residence is located at No. 408 Cole street. He is a director of the Standard Real Estate Company of Donora, Pa.; is identified with the Democratic party in politics, and religiously, is a member of the Baptist church.

JAMES A. GALBRAITH, deceased, formerly was a representative citizen of Washington County, at one time filling the office of recorder of deeds, and at the time of his death was a resident of Canonsburg, where he was an extensive dealer in grain and farm machinery. He was born on the old Galbraith homestead, in Smith

Township, Washington Co., Pa., and was a son of William and Isabella (Welch) Galbraith.

William Galbraith was born in Scotland. He married Isabella Welch, a native of Ireland and they then came to America, soon after locating on a farm near Burgettstown, in Smith Township, Washington County. William Galbraith died in 1860. For several years he was a justice of the peace and was a man of much local prominence. For many years he was a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. His nine children bore these names: Matthew, James A., Robert, John, William R., Jane, Margaret, Elizabeth and Isabella.

The late James A. Galbraith was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools to such good purpose that by the time he was eighteen years of age he was prepared to teach and continued in that profession for several years. From teaching he turned his attention to merchandising and served as a clerk in a store at Cross Creek village for twenty-one years. From there he moved to Burgettstown, where he opened a hardware store and conducted it until 1875, when he was elected recorder of Washington County and then moved to Washington, where he lived until his term of public office expired when he settled permanently at Canonsburg, going into the grain and implement business there. He was a man of honesty and ability and left a name to his children of which they are proud.

James A. Galbraith was married to Miss Mary A. Bebout, of Cross Creek, and to them were born the following children: Aaron, who married Dora Chambers; Belle, now deceased, who was the wife of Charles Harding; W. K., formerly postmaster at Canonsburg, who is now deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of S. A. Crosier; Robert, who married Anna Coleman, is engaged in the drug business; and Nettie, who married Joseph Thompson. Mrs. Galbraith still survives and lives among her old friends, residing at No. 27 South Central avenue, Canonsburg.

ROBERT ALLISON MANSON, a well known citizen of Canonsburg, whose whole life, with the exception of several years, has been spent in Washington County, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, February 18, 1857. His parents were John and Emeline (Allison) Manson.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Manson, lived and died in Beaver County, Pa. They had the following children: James, John, Robert, David, Buchanan, Jane and Agnes, all of whom are deceased except James, who resides near Hickory and has almost reached his ninetieth year. The maternal grandparents, Samuel and Mary Allison, moved from Beaver County to Hickory, Washington County, where both died. They had the

following children: James, Joseph, Samuel, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Belle and Emeline. James Allison resides in Washington State, aged about seventy-five years. Mary married Alexander McCalmont; Elizabeth married David Cummings; Margaret married Robert Cowden; Belle married James Coulter; and Emeline married John Manson. Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Manson are the only survivors. The latter, now in her seventy-first years, resides at West Middletown.

The father of Mr. Manson was born in Beaver County and came to Washington County and settled in Mt. Pleasant Township in early manhood and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1869, aged forty-eight years. He was survived by six children, namely: Robert Allison; James Buchanan, who lives on the old homestead in Cross Creek Township, near the line of Hopewell, married Emma, daughter of Alexander McCalmont; John Franklin, who is a pattern maker in the bridge works at Canonsburg, married Mollie Meneely, who is now deceased; Mary Emma, now deceased, was the wife of J. Frank Brownlee and they lived on a farm in Hopewell Township; Samuel, who is a carpenter by trade, resides at West Middletown with his mother; and Harry Elmer, who died in 1907, is survived by his widow, formerly Lillie Myers, who resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

Robert A. Manson attended the McCarrel's district school in Mt. Pleasant Township, also the Limestone Lane school. After he was eighteen years of age he devoted himself to farm work for six years and then learned the carpenter trade, working for five years with Samuel McFadden, in Cross Creek Township and afterward worked in different places until his marriage, when he moved to Washington, and two years later from there to Ingram, and two years after that returned to the farm and remained there for seven years. He then resumed carpenter work, locating at Imperial, in Allegheny County. His wife died there March 4, 1900, aged thirty-seven years, and on November 15, 1902, he left Imperial and came to Canonsburg and has continued working at his trade in this city ever since.

Mr. Manson was married (first), September 30, 1885, to Miss Ida Jane Morrison, a daughter of James and Martha Morrison, and they had four children: James Russell, who was born October 9, 1886, is connected with a pottery at Newell, W. Va., married Pearl Smith, and they have one child, Eugene Devid; Robert Harold, who was born May 27, 1890, works on a farm; and Emma Bernice, who was born September 5, 1893, and Martha Agnes, who was born November 30, 1895, both attend school. Mr. Manson was married (second) December 31, 1891, to Miss Mary E. McNutt, a daughter of William and Nancy (Weaver) McNutt. Mr. and Mrs. Manson are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He is a Republican.

JOHN LEAMON PATTERSON, who, for fifteen consecutive years has been a member of the Hopewell Township school board, and has acceptably filled other township offices, resides on his valuable farm of 100 acres, in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., on which he was born, May 30, 1859. His parents were John and Jaue (McClelland) Patterson, both of whom are now deceased. They had four sons: James T., Thomas M., William H. and John L., all of whom survive except the eldest.

John Leamon Patterson obtained his education in the public schools and since the age of nineteen years has been engaged in farming, being associated with his father until the latter's death, in 1880, since when he has been in charge. He devotes his land to the growing of grain and hay and to grazing, each year raising a large amount of fine stock, his unusual success being the result of accurate knowledge and excellent judgment.

In June, 1886, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Mollie M. McElroy, a daughter of Alexander McElroy, and they have had the following children: Jennie L., who was born February 16, 1887, is a popular teacher; John, who is now deceased; James and Mary, both of whom attend high school; Homer and Hazel, twins, and Robert, Lillian and Hugh. Mr. Patterson and family belong to the United Presbyterian Church at North Buffalo, in which he is an elder and for a number of years was a trustee. Mrs. Patterson is interested in church missionary work. The whole family is one held in very high esteem in Hopewell Township.

Mr. Patterson has always upheld the principles of the Republican party. He has frequently been elected to office by his fellow citizens and at times has been judge of elections and also supervisor. In June, 1909, he was re-elected a member of the school board, on which he has already served for an unusual period. He owns stock in the Buffalo Telephone Company.

W. B. LINN, a member of the firm of Linn Bros., lumber dealers, at Burgettstown, Pa., and part owner of a valuable farm of 192 acres, situated in Smith Township, Washington County, was born on his father's farm in Franklin County, Pa., June 28, 1867.

Mr. Linn remained on the home farm until he was fifteen years of age, attending school first in Franklin, later in Cumberland and still later in Washington counties, and took a business course at the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg. He then went into the lumber business at Burgettstown and the firm was first known as Armour and Linn, but later became Linn Bros. After his marriage he continued to reside at Burgettstown until 1900, when he moved to McKeesport, where he resided until August 16, 1909, when he returned to Burgettstown, never, in the meanwhile, having dis-

associated himself with the lumber firm of Linn Bros. While at McKeesport he was president and treasurer of the National Lumber Company of that place and continued in those offices until 1908.

On January 19, 1896, Mr. Linn was married to Miss Alice Betts, a daughter of P. B. and Jane (Galbraith) Betts. Two children have been born to them, William B. and George P., both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Linn is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of McKeesport. In politics, he is an active Democrat and he has served three terms as school treasurer of Burgettstown, and for three years has been treasurer of the Union Agricultural Association. Mr. Linn is a member of the Masonic order and is a substantial and representative citizen of Washington County.

JAMES M. McBURNEY, a well known citizen and prosperous lawyer of Washington, Pa., was born in that borough March 7, 1858, and is a son of Ebenezer and Mary (Maxwell) McBurney. The family has long been established in America and was a pioneer one in Washington County.

James McBurney, the great-grandfather of James M., married Mary McGoffin and they had six children: Mary, who married John McAuley; Martha, who married James Matthews; Jane, who married John Gillespie; and Alexander, Joseph and James.

James McBurney (2), son of James, was born in Washington County, Pa. He was an officer in the Pennsylvania militia and resided on a farm in South Strabane Township, which is now owned by the Zediker family. He was the father of the following children: Ebenezer, James, Joseph, Mrs. Eliza Hawkins, Mrs. Martha Watson, Mrs. Sarah Thompson and Mrs. Catherine Gault.

Ebenezer McBurney was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1814, and obtained his education in the subscription schools. He learned the carpenter trade in Washington and subsequently erected many of the substantial structures of the growing borough. Some years prior to his death he went into the business of moving buildings, succeeding in whatever he undertook on account of being a man of energy and capacity. He thus acquired much more than a competency but lost the greater part of his fortune through his generosity and his seeming inability to disappoint a friend when he sought his signature as security. Until the outbreak of the Civil War he was a Democrat but later became and continued a Republican. Although a hearty sympathizer in the cause of the Union, his age and physical condition were against his enlisting, an accident having made his acceptance impossible. His loyalty and his sterling character were recognized, however, and he was appointed and served as provost marshal of his district and later was commissioned a private detective for the county under district attorneys Ralph

McConnell and J. F. Taylor, and served as such for six years. His death occurred September 12, 1889, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Mary Maxwell, a daughter of Thomas Maxwell, who was a latter by trade and had come to Washington County from Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. McBurney preceded her husband to the grave by six months. Two of their eleven children died in infancy. The others were: Helen, who married Joseph Shaw; John F., Alexander F., James M., and George M.; Kate M., who married George M. Haldeman; and Mary and Margaret, the former of whom died aged sixteen years and the latter aged twenty-one years. Ebenezer McBurney was an active member of the Seceder Church for years but was dropped from the church roll because of his joining the order of Odd Fellows.

James M. McBurney received his preliminary education in the public schools and in the preparatory department of Washington and Jefferson College, and later entered the collegiate department of that institution and was graduated in 1881. For one year after leaving college he was principal of McKeesport Academy, in association with Rev. Robert M. Russell, after which he returned to Washington and prepared for the practice of law in the office of Hon. H. J. Vankirk, completing his studies under attorney John W. Donnan. Since his admission to the bar of Washington County, in 1885, and to the supreme court of the United States, on February 2, 1893, he has been in continuous practice and has attained a high degree of success in his profession. He maintains offices in the Washington Trust building, Nos. 315-317.

In 1889, Mr. McBurney was married to Miss Annie S. Reckers, a daughter of J. B. Reckers, of Washington, Pa., and they have two children: Ernestine D. and Bernard R. The family residence is a comfortable and attractive one situated at No. 122 North Wade avenue. He is a Republican of the independent type in his political views. Always interested in educational matters, he has served many years as a school director. As far back as 1876, Mr. McBurney united with the United Presbyterian Church and is an elder in the same, and has taught an adult class in the Sabbath School almost continuously since he graduated from college.

MILTON C. IRWIN, a leading citizen of Buffalo Township, serving as a member of the board of supervisors, and following farming and stock raising as an occupation, was born in Washington County, Pa., February 28, 1873, and is a son of William C. and Mary (Dye) Irwin.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Irwin, David Irwin, was an early settler in Canton Township, Washington County, and there both William C. Irwin and wife spent the greater portion of their lives and died there. They

were for many years members of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, but in later years were members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. For a long period William C. Irwin was one of the large sheep growers of this section, raising annually as many as 250 head, his preference being for the Black Top Delaine as superior in wool. He was in his seventy-fourth year when he died, and was a well informed man and took a very active part in politics.

His immediate family contained thirteen children, many of whom married and had children of their own, and the following survive: James D., living in Canton Township; John D., Leman N., William M. and Asa C., all living at Washington, Pa.; Milton C., living in Buffalo Township; and Clifton C., Edith and Etta, all three residing in Washington.

Milton C. Irwin was reared on his father's farm in Canton Township and attended the district schools in that neighborhood until he was sixteen years of age, when he started out for himself, going to the oil fields. Through his industry he made the business profitable and remained in one capacity or another, for a number of years, confining himself to Allegheny and Washington counties. About the time of his marriage he settled on his present place in the southern part of Buffalo Township, and has prospered as a farmer and raiser of good stock.

Mr. Irwin was married July 22, 1897, to Miss Sarah Chambers, a daughter of James Chambers, of Buffalo Township, and they have two children: Clark C. and Mary M. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin attend the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and he takes an interest in township affairs of a public nature.

COL. L. M. MARSH, deceased, who bore an honorable record for service in the Union Army during the Civil War, was one of the foremost citizens of Washington, Pa., that borough having been the scene of his greatest business activities. He was born at Orange, Essex Co., N. J., June 23, 1824, and was a son of Abraham R. and Sarah (Munn) Marsh.

Abraham Marsh was born in Rahway, N. J., July 8, 1800, where he was reared and educated. He learned the shoemaking trade and worked at it and also engaged in mercantile, both in his native State and subsequently in Ohio. He married Sarah Munn, a daughter of David Munn, of New Jersey, and she died in Huron County, Ohio, in 1860, aged fifty-eight years, but he survived into extreme old age, dying two days after his ninetieth birthday. He was a Presbyterian of the old Knox faith and for many years was an elder in the church. He saw the formation of the Republican party and became a strong supporter of the same. His nine

children bore the following names: L. M., David, Stephen, Harriet, George, Abraham, Charles, Henry and Mary.

When the late Col. Marsh was thirteen years old, his parents moved from New Jersey to Coshocton County, Ohio, and there he completed his school attendance and then learned the tailoring trade. When twenty-one years old he went to Marietta, Ohio, where he followed his trade, and from there to West Virginia, where he was residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. His loyalty to the Union was manifested by his immediately enlisting, and his standing was shown by his being made captain of Co. E, 10th W. Va. Vol. Inf., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He encountered many of the direst misfortunes of war. At the battle of Kernstown he was wounded in the foot and being left helpless on the battle field was taken captive. For two months he was confined in the infamous Libby Prison at Richmond, at the end of that time securing a parole, and six months later was exchanged and rejoined his regiment. His subsequent career as a soldier was brilliant and when he was honorably discharged and mustered out it was with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Col. Marsh then returned to peaceful pursuits, locating at Washington, Pa., and he was occupied for two years as bookkeeper for a large business concern. In 1870 he was made secretary and treasurer of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company and he continued to discharge the duties of that position during the remaining years of his active life. He had additional interests, being associated for some years in the real estate business with his son, Addison C. Marsh, under the firm name of L. M. Marsh & Son. He was a man of upright life and sterling character.

On January 14, 1850, Col. Marsh was married to Miss Louisa McCollum, a daughter of Asa McCollum, and they reared two children: Ella, who became the wife of William S. Park; and Addison C., who is a representative citizen of Washington, of which he has been burgess since March, 1906. The late Col. Marsh was a Republican in his political affiliation. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in March, 1899.

Hon. Addison C. Marsh was born February 26, 1858, and was educated in the Washington schools. He is secretary and treasurer of the Washington County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with office at No. 55 South Main street. He was elected burgess of Washington Borough on the Republican ticket and his official career has been satisfactory to his fellow citizens to whose best interests he has devoted his careful attention for the past three years. He married Miss Nettie Foster, a daughter of E. D. Foster, a resident of Bradford, Pa., and they have four children: Ola E., Ellis F., Helen L. and Ruth. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. They



COL. L. M. MARSH



ADDISON G. MARSH





have a beautiful home, the family residence being situated at No. 205 West Beau street.

L. M. IRWIN, who is cashier of the Avella Bank at Avella, Pa., is one of the youngest men in Washington County to hold so responsible a position, one that he has acceptably filled since January, 1908. He belongs to an old and honorable county family and was born in Cross Creek Township, May 7, 1881, and is one of three children born to his parents, Dr. J. B. and Louisa Irwin, resident of Washington. Mr. Irwin has two brothers: Russell B. and Jesse B.

L. M. Irwin attended school in Cross Creek Township until he was eighteen years of age, graduating then from the high school at Cross Creek village. For a short time he taught school and then accepted an offer, which promised more remunerative work, from the James G. Corcoran Company, of Pittsburg, and remained with that concern for five years, engaged in construction work. In January, 1908, he came to the Avella Bank as cashier, having fairly won this appointment by reason of his energy, determination, industry and fidelity to the interests of his employers in his former capacity.

In June, 1902, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Anna M. Brown, a daughter of W. J. and Margaret Brown, of Cross Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are members of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. He is identified with the Masons and belongs to the Burgettstown lodge.

A. M. CARLISLE, one of Smith Township's leading farmers and representative citizens, residing on his well improved property which contains 145 acres, all tillable land, with three oil wells, owns also a farm of eighty-five acres, situated in Mt. Pleasant Township. He was born in the latter township, February 5, 1862, and is a son of Joseph Elizabeth (White) Carlisle.

Joseph Carlisle was born on an adjoining farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, a short distance south of Hickory, and during a long and provident life which extended to eighty-four years, acquired two farms both in the same township. He was an intelligent and upright man at different times was selected for township offices by his fellow citizens. He married Elizabeth White, a daughter of Nicholas White, and they had three children: Annie, A. M., and I. M. Annie is deceased. Joseph Carlisle died September 16, 1898, and his widow, November 25, 1905, and both were buried in the cemetery at Hickory. They were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church.

A. M. Carlisle attended school in Mt. Pleasant Township and later at Hickory, and lived at home until his first marriage when he moved on the farm he now owns, south of Hickory, and lived there until January, 1906,

when he moved to Smith Township, buying his present farm from his father-in-law, J. L. Rankin. He repaired the house and erected new farm buildings, his barn being the best structure of its kind in the township. He has sold his coal to the Pittsburg-Eaton Coal Company. He raises superior stock, cattle and sheep and when he exhibits at the county fairs is very sure to carry off many of the best prizes. He is a stockholder and a director in the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory; a stockholder and president of the Farmers' Telephone Company at Burgettstown; and for eleven years has been a director in the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown.

Mr. Carlisle was married (first) March 7, 1889, to Miss Emma Hastings, a daughter of Daniel Hastings, of Allegheny County. She died July 14, 1893, and her burial was in the Hickory Cemetery. She is survived by one son, Joseph Edgar, who lives at home. Mr. Carlisle was married (second) November 7, 1894, to Mary L. Rankin, a daughter of J. L. Rankin, and they have two children: John Charles, a manly youth of fourteen years; and Emma Elizabeth, who, although but twelve years of age, is a student in the high school at Burgettstown. Mr. Carlisle and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. In politics he is independent and fraternally he is identified with the order of Elks.

WILLIAM CAMERON, deceased, who is well remembered by the older residents of South Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., as one of its most prominent citizens at an early period, was born in the county, in Somerset Township, in 1808. He was a son of John and Esther (Twinem) Cameron.

John Cameron was a native of Scotland and was a young man when he left his own land and went to Ireland, where he took up his residence in County Armagh and there married Esther Twinem. Shortly afterward they emigrated to America and settled near Gettysburg, Pa., and he secured his naturalization papers there. These papers are still preserved by a son of William, our subject, George M. Cameron, who has them framed in his home. He moved from there to the part of Washington County, Pa., known now as Somerset Township. John Cameron became a man of considerable importance in the section in which he settled and as he was intelligent and thrifty, he became a leader in public affairs and an owner of property. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious matters he was a Presbyterian and one of the founders of the church in Somerset Township. To John Cameron and wife were born the following children: John, James G., Esther, Margaret and William.

William Cameron, the youngest of the above family, was reared on the pioneer farm in Somerset Township and all the formal education he secured was the prim-

itive schools. After marriage he and wife, started to housekeeping on a small tract of land, twenty-one acres in extent, in South Strabane Township, and to this he subsequently added 200 acres, this having been part of the farm of his father-in-law, George Mitchell. This was a large body of land and as it was almost entirely unimproved it required many years of hard work to convert it into productive farms, but from youth he had been inured to labor and he had inherited a large measure of his father's Scotch persistency and success crowned his efforts. He always took an interest in the public affairs of his community and performed every public duty with faithfulness and according to conscience. In politics he was a Democrat. For many years he consented to serve on the school board.

On September 28, 1837, William Cameron married Miss Martha Mitchell, a native of South Strabane Township, born August 9, 1804, and died August 16, 1860. She was a daughter of George Mitchell and his wife, who had formerly been a Miss Alexander. George Mitchell was born in Ireland and his death occurred May 8, 1847, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cameron. In early manhood he had come to America and settled in South Strabane Township, Washington County. In his political views he was a Democrat, and religiously he was a Presbyterian. He had five children, namely: Martha, Mary, Eleanor, Thomas and Catherine.

To William and Martha Cameron were born the following children: John, who was born August 12, 1838, has always engaged in farming in South Strabane Township; Ellen, who married John G. Paxton; Margaret; Mary J.; George M., who was born April 22, 1849, is a prominent citizen of Washington, president of the E. J. Young Packing Company and a director of the Washington Trust Company; and Martha A., who married J. C. Pease. William Cameron survived his wife for thirteen years, his death occurring October 15, 1873.

WILLIAM W. McCLAY, a prominent citizen of Canton Township who owns a fine farm of 191 acres, which he devotes to general agriculture and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep, was born on this farm, March 2, 1845, being a member of one of the old and honorable families of Washington County. His parents were John and Jane (Welsh) McClay.

Samuel McClay, the grandfather, was born in Ireland and came of Scotch and Irish stock. When he emigrated to America he settled at first in Chester County, Pa., and from there came to Washington County. He located on the farm which his grandson, William W. McClay now owns, probably before the township divisions were made. A former owner had made some slight improvements but the greater part of the clearing was accomplished by grandfather McClay. John McClay, son of Samuel and

father of William W., was born on this farm in Canton Township in March, 1809, and died in 1895. He was a successful business man and carried on farming and stock raising for many years, devoting much attention to the growing of sheep. In his early political life he was a Whig and later became a strong advocate of the abolition of slavery. During the Civil War he lent his support heartily to the preservation of the Union. In early days he was a member of the Covenant Church but later was identified for years with the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder. He married Jane Welsh, who was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, and three of their children survive, namely: Sarah J., who is the widow of Dr. William Morrison, who was a practitioner in Cross Creek Township, she now residing at Washington; William W., of Canton Township; and Robert H., who resides at Washington, Pa. John McClay was a director in the First National Bank at Washington.

William W. McClay has never lived in any other home than the old family homestead and it is endeared to him by recollection of his boyhood and of his parents who have passed away. He attended the neighborhood schools and also an academy at Buffalo village while he was growing up and later was a student in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1867. From choice he has always been a farmer and stock raiser and has met with excellent results in raising the Black Top sheep, usually having from 250 to 300 head in his flocks.

In 1878, Mr. McClay was married (first) to Miss Myra C. Crothers, who was born in Buffalo Township, a daughter of the late Samuel J. Crothers. He was married (second), in 1894, to Miss Jennie Maxwell, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, a daughter of Robert Maxwell, who formerly lived in Buffalo village.

Mr. McClay is a Republican. He has frequently been elected to township offices and has served most acceptably as township auditor and also as judge of elections. Both he and wife are members of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

HAINES H. REED, postmaster at Rea, Pa., where he is also proprietor of a general store and also ticket and freight agent for the Wabash Railroad, belongs to one of the old and substantial families of this section. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., in January, 1879, and is a son of John C. and Mary (Barnes) Reed, being the youngest member of their family of six children, the others bearing the following names: Lulu B., who married S. J. Welsh and they reside at McKee's Rocks; Edwin C.; Wylie B., who is now deceased; and Norman W. and J. Howard.

Haines H. Reed was educated in the common and high



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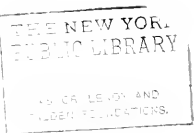
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school of Cross Creek and continued his studies until he was nineteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg and for a time was engaged there and in the vicinity as a clerk. He returned to the farm for a season and then decided to visit the far West, extending his journey to California. He remained there for two years, working as an electrician and continued work in the same line after coming as far east as Colorado, from which State he later returned to Pennsylvania. When he next left Washington County it was to engage in the gas fitting business for a time, at Andover, Ohio. In 1905 he came back to Cross Creek Township and became manager of the branch store at Rea Station for the firm of I. M. Reed & Son, of Cross Creek village and also was appointed U. S. rural mail carrier. In October, 1908, he purchased the store he had formerly been operating for the Reed firm, and in November following he was appointed postmaster and subsequently assumed the railroad duties mentioned above. He is one of the leading and busy men of the village. In politics he considers himself an independent, although he favors the principles of old Democracy in which his father reared him.

Mr. Reed was married in December, 1906, to Miss Anna Mae Pyle, a daughter of W. S. and Mary Pyle, of Cross Creek Township, and they have a beautiful little daughter of two years. Mr. Reed and wife are members of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

RICHARD GLADDEN, one of Robeson Township's most substantial citizens, the owner of valuable farming land and stock in several of the leading financial institutions of Washington County, has been a valued and esteemed resident of McDonald for some years, where he now lives retired from business and enjoys the comforts of a beautiful home. He was born in Cecil Township, Washington Co., Pa., March 3, 1855, and is a son of Richard and Mary (Kelso) Gladden.

Richard Gladden, Sr., father of Richard, was born in Washington County, a son of William and Mary (Woods) Gladden, all of whom have passed away. Richard Gladden was a prosperous farmer and was a respected citizen. He married Mary Kelso, who was a daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Murdock) Kelso. She survived her husband but a short time and they both were interred in the Arlington Cemetery. They were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church. Their children bore the following names: William, Martha, deceased; Benjamin J., deceased; George, deceased; Richard and Joseph. Martha was the wife of Thomas Reed.

Richard Gladden went to the public schools in early boyhood and from there to Oakdale Academy and had further advantages at the West Philadelphia Academy. After his school days were over he engaged in farming

and continued in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Prior to settling permanently at McDonald, he spent a year in travel in California. Mr. Gladden still retains his farm of 200 acres which is situated in Cecil Township. He has other large investments and is a director in the McDonald Savings and Trust Company; is a stockholder in the First National Bank at McDonald; is a stockholder in the Warner Glass Company, and is vice-president of the Water and Light Company at McDonald.

On October 25, 1876, Mr. Gladden was married to Miss Lavina Tuten, a daughter of George and Catherine (Trimmer) Tuten. Mr. Tuten was a farmer and also was proprietor of a hotel at Hickory, Pa. Mrs. Gladden has two sisters: Iantha, who is the widow of Albert Sauters; and Clara, who is the wife of Oliver Pearson. To Mr. and Mrs. Gladden the following children were born: Anna Mary, Iva C. and Frank R. Mr. Gladden has given his children superior educational advantages, his daughters being educated at Wilson College at Chambersburg, and his son at Purdue University, Indiana. The second daughter is the wife of Samuel H. Ridall, of Pittsburg, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. Mr. Gladden and family belong to the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with the Republican party.

WILLIAM E. LANE, county treasurer of Washington County, Pa., and senior member of the firm of Lane & Spriggs, dealers in real estate and insurance, with offices at No. 433 Washington Trust building, is a representative of an old county family and a leading citizen of Washington. He was born at West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa., January 26, 1866, and is a son of Thomas and Rebecca (McElroy) Lane.

Thomas Lane came to Washington County in early life and his interests remained centered here throughout his entire career. For many years he was connected with the U. S. mail service and he was proprietor of a livery stable for some time. His death occurred January 25, 1908. He married Rebecca McElroy, and they had twelve children.

William E. Lane was educated in the schools of West Middletown and then engaged in teaching school until he embarked in his present business at Washington. He is in partnership with H. H. Spriggs and they handle a large amount of valuable realty and represent the leading fire, life and accident insurance companies of the country. Mr. Lane has been an active Republican for a number of years and in 1908 was elected county treasurer with a large majority. He is a man well qualified for this important public office and has proved his efficiency.

Mr. Lane married Miss Lillie M. McCalmont, a daugh-

ter of Alexander McCalmont, and they have four children. Mr. and Mrs. Lane are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL CLARENCE IMHOFF, who owns a fine farm of ninety-four acres which is situated in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., is numbered with the successful agriculturists of this section, and is also one of its most enterprising business men. He was born on his present farm, August 16, 1863, and is a son of Samuel and Mary J. (Stewart) Imhoff.

Samuel Imhoff was born in Canton Township and is a son of Martin Imhoff, who was born in Switzerland. During the early days of the gold excitement in California, Samuel Imhoff visited the far West and there was engaged for a time in mining. After he returned to Washington County, Pa., he followed farming in Canton Township, where he died in 1874. He married Mary J. Stewart, who was also born in Canton Township and died here in 1881. Of their children, Samuel Clarence Imhoff is the only survivor.

Samuel Clarence Imhoff grew to manhood in Canton Township and in boyhood attended the district schools. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising ever since he entered into business. He also followed threshing for a time and then bought a portable sawmill and for some years has done a large amount of work with this machine in different sections. He is a practical business man and stands well with his fellow citizens personally.

On January 28, 1886, Mr. Imhoff was married to Miss Emma J. Smiley, who was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, and is a daughter of the late James G. Smiley. They have two children: Mary S. and James C. Mr. Imhoff and family belong to the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, the membership of which includes the larger number of the substantial and representative people of this section. In his political views, Mr. Imhoff is independent, having connected himself with no definite party, but is sure to cast his vote, however, for a responsible and reliable candidate.

LIEUT. JOHN FULTON BELL, a highly respected citizen of Washington, Pa., residing in his fine residence at No. 80 West Prospect avenue, for many years was engaged in farming and stock raising in Amwell Township, Washington County. He was born in Jefferson, Morgan Township, Greene County, Pa., August 23, 1841, and is a son of Levi Harrod Bell, the Bell family having settled in Greene County in pioneer days.

John Fulton Bell first attended school in his native place and in 1860 became a student at Georges Creek Academy in Fayette County. He resided in Greene County until 1860, when he came to Washington County

and in 1868 bought a large farm in Amwell Township, which he continued to operate and develop until 1907, when he sold his farming lands and retired to Washington. Mr. Bell spent four years, between 1903 and 1907 in Prosperity. For many years he was one of the leading stock raisers of this section.

On August 22, 1862, Mr. Bell enlisted at Amity, Washington County, Pa., in Co. D, 140th P. V. I., and was promoted June 21, 1863, from the rank of corporal to that of sergeant. On November 1, 1863, he became first sergeant; on July 20, 1864, near City Point, Va., he was commissioned first lieutenant by Governor Andrew G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, and served as such until the close of the war and for several months was in charge of the company. The company was mustered out May 31, 1865, in the name of First Lieut. J. F. Bell as senior commanding officer. Among the twenty-five battles in which his company fought were those of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, the operations in front of Petersburg and those at Appomattox, which culminated in Lee's surrender and brought the war to happy termination.

On May 6, 1868, Mr. Bell married Miss Lydia Ross, who was born in Washington Township, Greene County, Pa., and they have five children: Benjamin Harrod, Sarah Frances, Lyda Emma, Abner Ross and James Franklin.

James Franklin Bell, the youngest son, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College at Washington. In 1902 he graduated from West Point Military Academy as engineer and served two years in the engineers' corps, in the Philippine Islands. He was instructor in mathematics for a time, at West Point, and is now stationed at Washington, D. C., as a member of the engineer corps of the U. S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is one of the board of deacons.

A. O. HINDMAN, M.D., physician and surgeon at Cross Creek, Pa., has been in continuous practice at this place for the past ten years and commands the confidence and enjoys the esteem of the people. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 9, 1875, and is a son of Thomas and Hannah (Stevenson) Hindman.

The Hindman family has been settled in Washington County for generations, the grandparents, William and Betsey Hindman, having been born here. Thomas Hindman was born on the farm in Brooke County, W. Va., which he now owns, but for many years has been a resident of Cross Creek village. He was a blacksmith by trade and was a reputable citizen. He married Hannah Stevenson and they had three children: A. O., Della M. and Nettie P.



LIEUT. JOHN FULTON BELL.





Dr. Hindman was educated in the district schools of Cross Creek Township, Hickory Academy and the Ohio Normal University at Ada, now known as Ohio Northern University. He then entered upon the study of medicine and completed his medical course and received his degree in 1899, from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburgh. He immediately located at Cross Creek and has here built up a substantial practice. He is identified with business enterprises aside from his profession, being a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank, the Freehold Oil and Gas Company and in other concerns in this section.

Dr. Hindman was married to Miss Ada Newcomer, a daughter of Thomas and Hattie (Richie) Newcomer, residents of Washington, and they have one daughter, Helen Lucille. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek. Dr. Hindman is an active and valued member of the Washington County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association. In addition to this he is a quiet scientific investigator along his own lines, never having ceased being a student.

JAMES LINDSAY YOHE, senior member of the Yohe Brothers Lumber Company, which was established in 1878 and is the oldest concern of its kind in Monongahela City, was born Dec. 20, 1849, in this city and is a son of Michael and Phoebe (McCounel) Yohe.

Michael Yohe was born on a farm in Carroll Township, in 1815, and was a son of Isaac Yohe, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and located on a farm three miles east of Monongahela City, where he spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. Michael Yohe was reared in Carroll Township, where he remained until after his marriage, when he removed to Monongahela City, where he died, aged 68 years. He married Phoebe McConnell, who was born at West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa., in 1825, and died, aged 75 years. They had the following children: John M., a resident of Pittsburgh; Isaac, of Monongahela City, Pa.; Leroy S., deceased; James L., subject of this sketch; William G., of New Kensington; Lewis N., of Monongahela City; Frank and Charles, twins, both residents of Monongahela City; and Sherod C., a resident of Monongahela City. Some 30 years ago a photograph was taken of the eight brothers, who recently sat for another photograph, all of whom, with the exception of John, the eldest, who was born at West Middletown, were born in Monongahela City.

James L. Yohe was reared in Monongahela City, where he obtained a common school education, early in life learning the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1878, in partnership with his brothers, Isaac and Lewis N., they established the Yohe Brothers Lumber Company,

and the plant is located on the Monongahela River, and the firm gives employment to an average of 60 to 100 men. They carry on a general contracting business and deal in all kinds of building materials. In 1902, Clyde C. Yohe purchased one-half of the Isaac Yohe interest in the concern, and in 1909, purchased the remaining half interest of Isaac Yohe, who is now living in retirement. Besides his lumber interests, Mr. Yohe is a director in the Monongahela Trust Company, and a stockholder of the Perry Manufacturing Company. He is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. order, is a 32nd degree Mason, and is religiously a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1879, Mr. Yohe married Ella M. Corrin, a daughter of William and Eleanor Corrin, and they have reared the following children: Annetta, widow of Adam C. Sampson, has two children, Lois and Adam; Clyde C., married Nellie Beach and they have one child, Chauncey B.; Edward L., married Blanch Dewalt, and has two children, Lloyd and Pearl; Emma C., married Edward Kuhlman, of Indian Territory; and James K. is a student at Washington and Jefferson College.

HON. JOHN D. BRADEN, deceased, for many years was a prominent and useful citizen of Washington, Pa., and during the entire course of his active business life was engaged in the practice of law. He was born in Chippewa Township, Beaver Co., Pa., Nov. 21, 1826, and was a son of John and Katherine (McIntyre) Braden.

James Braden, the grandfather, was born in Ireland and there was married to Margaret Howe, who was of English parentage. After her death, James Braden, with his motherless children started for America and reached this country in 1797. One of his sons, John Braden, who was the father of John D., was born at what was called Five-Mile town, near Enniskillen, in County Fermanagh, Ireland. He accompanied his father to America. It is probable that he followed farming from the time that he was capable of working, as he subsequently acquired farming land situated near Youngstown, Ohio, on which he was residing when the War of 1812 was declared. He was called into actual service Aug. 26, 1812, first under Capt. Samuel Denison. On Sept. 16, 1812, he was transferred at Cleveland to Capt. Joshua T. Cotton's company, under whom he continued until Nov. 8, 1812, and he was discharged by Gen. Elijah Wadsworth. He was in the First Reg., Third Brig., 4th Div. of Ohio militia, which was commanded by Col. William Rayen. He did not marry until he returned from that war, and then settled in Chippewa Township, Beaver Co., Pa., where he and wife lived for more than 50 years. Of their large family of children, the late John D. Braden was the only one to locate permanently in Washington County. The maternal grand-

father of John D. Braden was William McIntyre, a native of Scotland, who came unmarried to the United States and settled at Hagerstown, Md.

John D. Braden attended Beaver Academy at Beaver, Pa., for some years and in 1849 entered what was then Washington College, which was later consolidated with Jefferson College, where he was graduated in 1851. He was prepared for the practice of law in the office of Hon. George S. Hart, at that time district attorney, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. He immediately opened an office in the borough of Washington, soon attracted attention by his legal ability and in a few years had advanced to a foremost place in his profession. To profound learning, Mr. Braden united a high standard of professional honor and it has been frequently affirmed by those who knew him best that no client, no matter how powerful he might be, who came to him with a case which was without merit, could have his services. He was a loyal party man, having been cradled in Democracy, but political office had no attractions for him, in fact the only local offices he would ever accept were membership on the School Board and on the borough council. In the campaign of 1892 he was appointed a presidential elector and was glad that he was instrumental in bringing about the election of President Cleveland.

On Nov. 11, 1851, Mr. Braden was married to Miss Anna C. Ruple, the youngest daughter of Col. James Ruple, and they had the following children: Rebecca, who married D. J. McAdam; John McIntyre, whose death occurred Apr. 14, 1897, was an attorney at Washington; Lillie, who resides with her mother in the beautiful old family home at No. 223 W. Wheeling street, Washington; Alfred Goodrich, an attorney and formerly principal of the Washington schools; George W., who is a photographer in business at Washington; Anna; Kate, who is deceased; Ernest, who died Dec. 24, 1891; James Paul, an attorney at Washington, with office in the Montgomery Bldg., No. 108 S. Main street; and Arthur and William, both of whom died in infancy. John D. Braden was a representative of the highest type of citizenship and he commanded the respect and enjoyed the affection of his fellow citizens, irrespective of differing opinions on many subjects.

CLYDE H. PERRIN, one of Independence Township's enterprising and progressive young men, who, for the past two years has been operating his father's farm of 156 acres, was born at Wellsburg, W. Va., Feb. 3, 1880, and is a son of James M. and Alice (McCreary) Perrin.

Edward Perrin, the great-grandfather of Clyde H., is known to have lived in infancy on what is known as the Boles farm, south of Independence, Washington County, and probably was born there. The family lived in the

county in the days of the Indians and it is recorded that one John Perrin, probably a brother of Edward, traded what is known as the Robert Liggett farm for a shotgun with which to fight Indians. Edward Perrin was married first to a Williamson and they had two children: Samuel and a daughter, who became the wife of Robert Dinsmore. Samuel Perrin was a lifelong resident of Washington County and owned and operated the farm on which Clyde H. Perrin resides. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1889, and he was the first individual buried in Independence Cemetery. He married Susan McBride and they had three children: James M. and William, twins, the latter of whom lives at Tacoma, Wash.; and Elizabeth, who resides at Carnegie, Pa.

James M. Perrin was born in Washington County and during his entire life since his marriage, has engaged in the drug business, and at present is located at Carnegie, Pa. For a short time he conducted a store at Wheeling, W. Va., and for some time one at Wellsburg. He married Alice McCreary, who died in February, 1887. She was a daughter of James and Sarah (Sitherwood) McCreary, of Independence, Pa. Two children were born to James M. Perrin and wife: Clyde H. and Elia E. The latter is an accomplished musician, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and at present is a teacher of music in the Southern Presbyterian College.

Clyde H. Perrin attended the Carnegie public schools and the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, where he gave special attention to a course in civil engineering. For nine years he was engaged in civil engineering and surveying in West Virginia, Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Maryland, but during the past two years he has been residing on his father's farm in Independence Township. Mr. Perrin is a member of Carnegie Lodge No. 831 of the Elks, and his political views are those of the Republican party. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church at Carnegie. Mr. Perrin has never married.

FRANK R. BAKER, a representative citizen of Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., who has resided on his present farm throughout his whole life, was born July 12, 1862, and was reared near Baker's Station. His parents were Enoch and Margaret (Speers) Baker.

Enoch Baker was born in Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and his wife in Allen Township, both families being old settlers in the county. Enoch Baker was reared in his native township and lived there until he moved to Ten-Mile village in Amwell Township. After several years he moved to a farm near Baker's Station and here he died in 1882. His widow still survives and resides with her son, Frank R. She is well known in different sections of Washington County and is still in

the enjoyment of mental and physical health, although she has passed her 87th birthday. She is carefully and tenderly cherished by her five surviving children, namely: David B., who resides at Washington; Apollis S., who lives in Vermilion County, Ill.; Henry S., who also lives in Illinois; Frank R., of Amwell Township; and Clara B., who is the wife of William Hughes, of Washington. Mrs. Baker has two daughters, deceased, Sarah and Nancy. The late Enoch Baker was a highly respected and useful citizen and a Christian man. A Republican in his political views, at different times he was elected on that ticket to township offices and to the duties of these he gave careful and conscientious attention. He was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, although he had descended from an old Quaker ancestry.

Frank R. Baker was reared in Amwell Township and through boyhood attended the public schools, after which he assisted his father on the farm and has continued in the same industry. He also became interested in raising good stock and has made this quite a feature of his work. He owns 200 acres of some of the best land in Amwell Township. He is a leading citizen, a member of the School Board, of which he has been both president and treasurer. He has served most acceptably in other offices, three years as road supervisor.

On Oct. 31, 1889, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Sarah Hamilton, a daughter of the late William Hamilton, of Fayette County, Pa., and they have had four children, namely: Charles H., who is a student at Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington; and Nellie S., Mary F. and Billie B. Mr. Baker is a member of the Lower Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church at Amity, of which he is treasurer and has been trustee. Mr. Baker was called upon to part with his wife on March 19, 1904. She was also a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and a lady of many Christian virtues. Her death caused sorrow not only to her immediate family, but to a large circle of friends, who could recall many evidences of her kindness.

J. A. HEPLER, who is extensively engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Charleroi, Pa., and is also a notary public, with offices at No. 411 Fallowfield avenue, has been located here since the spring of 1903. He was born Dec. 18, 1860, in Westmoreland Co., Pa., and is a son of David D. and Mary A. (Weibel) Hepler. David D. Hepler was a farmer by occupation. In 1895 he retired to Charleroi, Pa., and died there in 1907. His widow survives.

J. A. Hepler grew to maturity on his father's farm in Westmoreland County, after which he conducted a store and was postmaster at Coffey's Station, then known as Brenneman, Pa., from 1886 until 1898, when he came to Washington, Pa., where he was engaged in the oil

business until his removal to Charleroi, where he has since been successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Mr. Hepler is agent for various fire insurance companies, including the Atlas Assurance Co., of London, England, which was established in 1808; the Germanic Fire Ins. Co., of New York City; the Union Ins. Co., of Philadelphia; the New York Fire Ins. Co.; the Keystone Underwriters of Pittsburg; the National Union Fire Ins. Co., of Pittsburg; the Phoenix Ins. Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is also agent for the Standard Life and Accident Ins. Co., of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Hepler was united in marriage with Minnie P. Brown, who was born and reared in Erie County, Pa., and is a daughter of Hiram Brown, who was a soldier in the 111th Pa. Vol. during the Civil War. They have one daughter, May Hepler. Mr. Hepler is fraternally a member of the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta, and order of Elks. Mr. Hepler is also a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleroi, being one of the trustees and treasurer of the new church fund.

JOSEPH A. SCOTT, deceased, was one of the representative agriculturists of Fallowfield Township, and was a resident of Washington County, Pa., during the greater part of his life. There he was born Oct. 6, 1806, and came of a family that was established on American soil in colonial days.

The grandfather of Joseph A. Scott was a soldier in the American Revolution, entering the Patriot Army at the age of 17 years, after every other member of his family had met death at the hands of the Indians. He remained in the army until the close of the great struggle and was one of the heroes who spent the terrible winter at Valley Forge. He later established his home in Washington County, where he reared a family. Late in life the father of Joseph A. Scott moved from Washington County to Rush County, Ind.

Joseph A. Scott followed farming through life and spent many years in Fallowfield Township, where he became a man of influence and substance. In 1835 he went to Peoria, Ill., where he was married to Miss Eliza Shepler, who had been born in Washington County, Pa. She accompanied him back to Washington County, the journey being made on horseback, and they settled permanently in Fallowfield Township. He was a man of great energy, was a hard worker and an excellent manager, and as he took an interest in the development of his section, to his efforts combined with those of other public spirited and earnest men, may be credited the material progress and early improvement that put Fallowfield Township ahead of many other parts of the county. After a long and useful life he died Jan. 17, 1881, when aged 75 years. His widow survived him

until May 15, 1892, when she, too, passed away, aged 77 years. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom died unnamed. The others were: Peoria, who died in childhood; James Addison, who died young; Joseph Clark, who died Oct. 31, 1881; Henry S.; Margaret M., who is now deceased, was the wife of W. H. Miller; and Jesse Y., who is a well-known physician and surgeon of Washington.

BURNS DARSIE, who is the popular cashier of the Farmers' National Bank at Claysville, Pa., is a thoroughly trained man in his line of work, having been identified with banks and the banking business ever since he finished his education. He was born Sept. 4, 1873, in Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Hugh S. and Melinda (Cochran) Darsie.

Rev. James Darsie, the grandfather, was one of the pioneers who was associated with Alexander Campbell in the founding of the Christian Church, and one of his sons, Rev. George Darsie, for over 30 years was pastor of the Christian Church at Frankfort, Ky. The Darsies were true Scotch people, coming to America from Scotland. The Cochrans mixed with Irish blood, but originally were also Scotch. Both parents of Mr. Darsie were born in Fayette County, Pa., and Hugh S. Darsie owned a valuable farm in Tyrone Township which he sold to the pioneer coke producing firm of Cochran & Brown, this firm developing the veins of what is known as coke-iron or Connellsville coal which underlay its surface.

Burns Darsie obtained his primary education in the schools near his home and then attended the State Normal School at California. Subsequently, from 1891 to 1895, he was a student at Bethany College, W. Va., and in the latter year began his bank training. He entered the Mechanics' National Bank at Pittsburg as a messenger and through ability and fidelity was promoted step by step, being corresponding clerk, collection clerk and discount clerk, remaining there for six years and during this time becoming thoroughly drilled in all the manifold duties and technical details of the business. From there he went to the Federal National Bank of Pittsburg and filled different positions, including that of teller, for some four years, resigning in order to become cashier of the Farmers' National Bank at Claysville. He resided at Washington, Pa., for several years before establishing his residence here. Mr. Darsie is a member of the Bankers' and Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association of Pittsburg and belongs also to the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Darsie was married to Miss Marietta Bryce, a daughter of Stephen P. Bryce, the well-known manufacturer of ventilating and heating apparatus, of Toledo, Ohio. They have three children: Marietta B., Burns

Darsie and Hugh S. Mr. Darsie and wife are members of the Christian Church. He is a Republican.

THE ZAHNISER FAMILY. To American citizenship no country has contributed more acceptably than has Germany and among the large, thrifty, substantial families of Pennsylvania, who can claim a direct German ancestry, is that of the Zahnisers. It is a family also that takes a just pride in its numbers and achievements and through all its 1,400 descendants there is a strong bond of kindred.

According to family tradition, the old home of the Zahnsier family was situated in Highland, Germany, not far from the River Rhine, nor far from the Swiss boundary, with which the family evidently was early connected. On September 24, 1843, either in the village of Ilbesheim or that of Moersheim, one Valentine Zahnsier married Julianna Clemens. They had two sons born to them. Failing health led the father to start with his little family, for the great land across the sea, a land apparently flowing with milk and honey and doubtless one where health could also be found. The voyage proved long and rough and before the shores of the promised land came in sight, both Valentine Zahnsier and his youngest son had succumbed and their burial was at sea. The widow, with her remaining son, Mathias, were safely landed at the port of Philadelphia, in the fall of 1753. After much hardship the widow and small child succeeded in reaching the German settlements in Lancaster County and there she was sheltered and comforted and subsequently spent many happy years, surviving until 1790. From Mathias Zahnsier, who landed in Pennsylvania in 1753, have descended the family of this name, one, which it has been found, is now represented in every State in the Union with the exception of three.

Michael Zahnsier, born in 1820, died in 1899, in 1849 married Margaret Hogg, who died in 1888. He was a farmer by occupation and until 1891, lived on a farm in Jackson Township, Mercer Co., Pa. At that time, being a widower, he came to live with his children at Washington. He was a life-long Democrat and respected citizen. His children were as follows: Andrew Jackson, residing at Washington, Pa.; Eleanor A., widow of Charles Bromley, residing at Washington; Robert C., residing near Pardoe, Pa.; William S., residing at Waynesburg; M. Rudolph, a manufacturer, living at Washington; Valentine O., also a manufacturer, at Washington; John N., a manufacturer residing at Waynesburg, Pa.; Montgomery J., another manufacturer at Washington; and Bithynia.

The late Michael Zahnsier was a son of William Zahnsier, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1789, and died in 1850. In early life he was given sufficient



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educational advantages to enable him to teach school and for some years he alternated teaching in the winter seasons with farm work during the summers. He served as an American soldier in the War of 1812, with the rank of lieutenant, and he was located during this time at Erie, Pa. A very valuable memento of this time is owned by his direct descendants, it being a walking stick composed of wood taken from Commodore Perry's famous ship "The Lawrence," and it is a unique as well as valuable relic. In 1814, William Zahniser married Eleanor Stotler, who, like himself, had been born in Lancaster County, but had removed with her parents to Allegheny County. Until 1823 William Zahniser and wife lived in the old homestead in Lancaster County, and then moved to a near-by tract on which he resided until death. His father was Mathias Zahniser, who, in boyhood, had landed at Philadelphia, in 1753.

The life history of Mathias Zahniser, on account of its tragic early days, as well as its story of struggle and success, is interesting and may be briefly given as follows. He grew to manhood in Lancaster County, and in 1774 married Mary Lint, a daughter of Michael Lint, with whom he lived until 1790. Then Mathias moved with his family, which included his mother, to Allegheny County, where he bought a farm and also worked at his trade. In 1796 he sold this farm to Frederick Steue. This land lies in Penn Township, east of Pittsburg and Mt. Hope Cemetery is now situated on the old Zahniser farm. When the Zahniser family located in Allegheny County, the family of Benjamin Stokely was the only white one definitely known to have been there previously. After disposing of his land, Mathias Zahniser, with his three eldest sons selected a new home, in what is now Lake Township, Mercer County, eight miles north of Mercer. A cabin was built and land was cleared and a portion of the old orchard, which, with German thrift, was set out, still remains in evidence. With the coming of winter, Mathias Zahniser returned to Allegheny County but in the spring of 1797 he returned with the other members of the family, taking up a new tract east of the one first secured and which passed into the possession of his son Michael. Another son, Mathias, settled on a tract just south, while John took one just west. As each of these tracts contained 200 acres, the family became owners of a large body of land.

Mathias Zahniser lived to the age of eighty-four years, his death occurring April 28, 1833. He had survived his wife, who died in 1829, aged seventy-five years. They were buried in the old Zahniser Cemetery, in Jackson Township, Mercer Co., Pa.

JAMES COOKE GAULT, a representative farmer and butter producer of Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he owns 113 acres of valuable land, was

born in this township Dec. 7, 1850, and is a son of David and Matilda (Cooke) Gault.

David Gault was born in Cross Creek Township, in 1817, his people being in moderate circumstances. He was a small boy when his father died and it devolved upon him to make his own way in the world and he was a self-made man in every sense. He acquired some 300 acres of the most valuable land in Cross Creek Township, a part of which forms the farm of J. C. Gault. For many years he was an elder in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. In the earlier years of his political identification he was a Republican, but later became a pronounced Prohibitionist. He died in February, 1903, at the age of 86 years. He and wife became parents of four children: Georgia, wife of A. H. Kerr, of Burgettstown; Henry M., of Cross Creek Township; James C.; and Silas, who lives at Primrose Station.

James Cooke Gault obtained his education in the public schools and Oakdale Academy at Oakdale. When about 19 years of age he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and has continued in the same ever since and is numbered with the prosperous farmers of the township. He keeps a number of cows for dairy purposes and makes a fine grade of butter for the market. In his views on public matters he has followed the example of his excellent father. Although well qualified for the same, Mr. Gault has always declined to serve in political offices.

On Jan. 18, 1877, Mr. Gault was married to Miss Margaret Allison, a daughter of John and Harriet (McElroy) Allison, of Hopewell Township. The parents of Mrs. Gault are both deceased, the father having passed the declining years of his life at Pittsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Gault have had six children, several of whom have comfortable homes of their own: Haidee, who is the wife of Alexander Campbell, has four children—Helen, Mason, Dorothy and Mildred Campbell; David A., who married Grace Miller, has one son, David; Percy, who is now deceased; Guy A., who is engaged in railroad work and lives at Carnegie, Pa.; and Donald and Archie, both of whom reside at home and are students in the Cross Creek High School. The family attends the Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek village and for ten years Mrs. Gault has been the very capable president of the Home Missionary Society of this church. Mr. Gault has one oil well on his farm.

CHARLES E. STEPHENS, member of the firm of Stephens Bros., dealers in lumber and contractors, at Monongahela City, Pa., has resided here since 1882 and has thoroughly identified himself with the business and public interests of the place. He was born at Bentleyville, Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 27, 1860, and is a son of John W. and Martha J. (Bentley) Stephens.

John W. Stephens was born on his father's farm in Fayette County, Pa. After he married he settled at Bentleyville, where he resided until 1889, when he came to Monongahela City, where he is one of the respected and venerable citizens. For many years he was prominent in State politics and in 1878 he served as a member of the State Legislature. He married Martha J. Bentley, who died in 1895. She was a daughter of Sheldubazzer Bentley, who came very early to Washington County and was the founder of the village of Bentleyville. To John W. Stephens and wife were born six children: Frank, William P., Charles Edgar, Henry Bentley and two who died in infancy.

Charles E. Stephens resides at Bentleyville during boyhood and youth, attended school there and learned the carpenter trade. After working at the same for some time at Monongahela City, where he was connected with Blythe & Co., for five years, he entered into partnership with Thomas Neel, a lumber dealer, and they did business for two years under the style of Neel & Stephens. Then Henry and William Stephens, brothers of Charles E., bought the Neel interest and the firm became Stephens Bros. They were together for several years, when William Stephens sold out to Charles E. and Henry Stephens. The business was conducted on the opposite side of the river from the present location until 1904, when they established their plant between the railroad and the river, the area covered being 312½ feet. Employment is given 30 men and the business is in a very prosperous condition, many contracts being in sight and these will add activity to the lumber trade. Mr. Stephens is numbered with the city's substantial citizens and is one of the directors of the First National Bank.

In January, 1898, Mr. Stephens was married to Miss Minerva J. Colvin, a daughter of Moses and Josephine Colvin, of Allegheny County, Pa., and they have three children: Franklin A., Josephine M. and Jean. The comfortable and attractive home is situated on the corner of Eleventh and Main streets. With his family, Mr. Stephens is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. In politics, he is a Republican, has served in the city council and for eleven years has been a valuable member of the school board. He belongs to the Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

THOMAS ALLISON, deceased, once one of the most active and useful citizens of Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., during the most important time of its existence, its creative period, was born in that township in 1780 and was a son of James and Jane (Bradford) Allison.

The Allison family is of Scotch extraction but before

the birth of James Allison, had been driven, by religious persecution, to the north of Ireland. When James Allison came first to America he located in Cecil County, Md., and it was there that he entered into the business negotiations with Thomas Moffatt that resulted in his purchase of 560 acres of land, located in Washington County, Pa. He took possession Oct. 26, 1773. The first patent for this land was issued in the name of James Allison, Moffatt having but a squatter's claim, and a part of this land is now owned by the estate of Jonathan Allison, late of Washington. James Allison found many hardships to contend with and the hostile Indians were so threatening that after many a night passed with rifle in hand, he retired from his property to a more protected position and did not return until the following year. In 1774, accompanied by 20 families, among these being the Bradfords, the McDowells, the Parks, Scotts and others, whose names, with that of Allison, were linked with the subsequent development of the county, Mr. Allison returned and again settled on his land. A block-house was erected, in which all lived together for one year, when one log cabin after another was built around the block-house which was kept as a place of retreat in case of attack. James Allison erected a frame house about 1789, which stood for years afterward. He was one of the foremost men of his day, was associate judge of the courts of Washington County during 1786-87-88, and in 1789 was a member of the Supreme Executive Council, at Philadelphia, and in that position cast his vote for the abolition of slavery, which was accomplished so many years later. For years he was a trustee of Jefferson College and was a very strong supporter of the movement that resulted in its union with Washington College. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church under Dr. John McMillan, in North Strabane Township, which was one of the first Presbyterian societies organized in the county and of this he was a ruling elder. He married Jane Bradford, sister of David Bradford, who was prominently identified with the "Whiskey Insurrection" in Pennsylvania. They had eight children: William, James, John, George, Thomas, Mary, David and Rachel.

Thomas Allison of the above family escaped many of the hardships which attended his father's early manhood, but the clearing of the large estate and assisting in developing and civilizing the section in which was his home, took years of hard work and persevering endurance. He was a typical Allison, honorable and upright, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, one of the trustees in Chartiers Township, and a supporter of law and a liberal contributor to benevolent enterprises.

In 1817, Thomas Allison married Miss Mary Johnson, a daughter of Richard Johnson, of North Stra-

bane Township, and they had the following children: Jane, James, William, Richard, Thomas, Jonathan, David, Joseph, Uriah and Mary. Of the above, James served five years in the Civil War. Thomas Allison died Oct. 21, 1849, aged 69 years. His widow survived to the age of 86 years, passing away in 1884.

WILLIAM L. DODD, M. D., a well known physician and surgeon who has been in active practice at Amity, Pa., since 1890, is a member of one of Washington County's old pioneer families which has many representatives throughout this section. Dr. Dodd was born in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., Oct. 17, 1866, and is a son of Daniel F. and Ruth (McFarland) Dodd.

The late Daniel F. Dodd passed his whole life in Amwell Township, where he was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. His father was Freeman Dodd, and his grandfather was Daniel Dodd, who was a brother of Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, who was a noted preacher in his day, in Washington County, the fame of whom was spread all over Western Pennsylvania.

Dr. William L. Dodd spent his boyhood on his father's farm and obtained his early education in the country schools. After his choice of profession had been made, he prepared for the scientific schools with local practitioners, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and he secured his degree, in 1888, from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College which has since been merged into the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Dodd immediately entered upon practice at Amity, Pa., associating himself with Dr. W. S. Dodd, then of Amity but now of Washington, and they continued together until the removal of the latter physician in 1890, to Washington, since which time Dr. William L. Dodd has remained alone, and enjoys a good, substantial practice. He keeps closely in touch with all scientific investigation and is a valued member of the Washington County Medical Society and belongs also to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Dodd was married to Miss Emma G. Conger, a daughter of the late John Conger, of West Union, Washington Co., Pa., and they have two children: John L. and Ruth E. Dr. and Mrs. Dodd are members of the Lower Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church at Amity, in which he is an elder. He is a Republican.

GEORGE S. MORRON, who is engaged in the drug business at Canonsburg, of which city he has been a resident for 15 years, was born at Lisbon, Ohio, and is a son of John A. and Amanda (Bon Bright) Morron. The Morron family is of Scotch-Irish extraction and the paternal grandfather, John Morron, established the Morrons in Columbiana County, Ohio, and there many

of his descendants reside. The father of Dr. Morron was born in Columbiana County and died there in 1902, at the age of 80 years, his wife having passed away many years previously. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters: Alice, Frank and Charles, all of whom are deceased, and George S., William, Roy, Edgar and Addie, all surviving.

George S. Morron is the only member of his family residing in Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of Lisbon, Ohio, and later the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and was graduated from that institution in 1892. Prior to coming to Canonsburg, in 1898, he was in the drug business at Salem, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio, and Meadville and Derry, Pa. Dr. Morron conducts a large and modern drug store and enjoys the confidence of the medical profession and the people of his city, having kept to high standards and handling only pure drugs.

In 1896, Dr. Morron was married to Miss Margaret Griffith, a daughter of A. A. Griffith, of Canonsburg, and they have two children: Thelma and John. Dr. and Mrs. Morron are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally is identified with the Odd Fellows, the Eagles, the order of the Moose and the Elks, all at Canonsburg.

JOHN W. PRY, who has been postmaster of South Burgettstown, Pa., since 1873, with the exception of seven years, for 31 years was engaged in the mercantile business at this place. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., May 9, 1846, and is a son of Abraham and Rachel (McClurge) Pry.

John W. Pry was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools in Cross Creek Township, after which he assisted his father until he entered the Federal Army in December, 1864. He served until his honorable discharge in July, 1865, in Co. H, 21st Pa. Cav., and escaped serious injury, although ever at the post of duty. He then returned to the home farm and continued agricultural operations there for some years, after which he moved to Burgettstown and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1873 he was appointed postmaster and has filled this office for almost 30 years, under Republican administrations. He no longer conducts his mercantile business, but he has other interests, these including stock in the International Steel Company, the Pittsburgh Coal Company, the National Fire Proofing Company and the William Liard Company, of Pittsburgh. He is a member of Capt. Samuel Campbell Post No. 286, G. A. R., at Burgettstown and enjoys attending the annual encampments.

Mr. Pry was married (first) to Mary E. Rea, who died after the birth of two children, Charles L. and Rachael

E., and her burial was in the cemetery at Cross Creek. He was married (second) to Elizabeth B. Welch, a daughter of Mathew Welch, to which marriage there is no issue. Mr. Pry is one of the representative citizens of Burgettstown and for years has been a leader in Republican politics in the county.

HON. JAMES S. DENNISON, deceased, who was the founder of the Dennison family in Washington County, Pa., where it has been widely known for so many years, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., in 1801. His father, Thomas Dennison, was born in Ireland and he married a lady of Scotch birth, shortly afterward coming to America and settling for the rest of their lives in Virginia. They had three children: Marie, who became the wife of Washington Bennett; and Thomas and James S.

James S. Dennison received a rudimentary education in the log cabin schoolhouses near his home. That he became a well informed and broad-minded man in after years, was due to his own efforts and his contact with the world. He came to Washington County in early manhood and engaged in agricultural pursuits before his marriage and after that event he located for a short time on a property which was afterward known as the E. H. Dennison farm. From there he moved to Claysville, Washington County, where he conducted a hotel for a time, and from there to Uniontown, Fayette County, where he remained engaged in business until his death. This took place in 1851, as the result of an accident, being thrown from the stage on which he was riding on his way home from a business trip to Brownsville. He was a man of prominence in his community and his untimely death was lamented by all. He was a kind husband and father and a loyal friend and good neighbor. He was a Democrat in politics, but never was willing to assume official cares.

James S. Dennison was married at Claysville to Mrs. Catherine (Stevenson) King, a daughter of Hon. James Stevenson and the widow of William King, who is survived by one son, W. C. King, the latter being cashier of the National Bank at Claysville. Hon. James Stevenson was a pioneer settler of Donegal Township, Washington County. His death occurred at Harrisburg while he was serving his district in the State Legislature. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Dennison returned to the old Stevenson farm, one mile west of Claysville, where her father had large possessions, and there she continued to reside until her death, which took place Oct. 7, 1889, when she was aged 86 years. She was an estimable woman, possessing admirable traits of character and was universally beloved. For many years she was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. To James S. Dennison and wife were born

the following children: James, Jane E., John, Ellbridge C. and Edwin Henry.

Edwin Henry Dennison is now living in retirement at Claysville, Pa., but is still owner of the home place. This is a part of the 400-acre tract originally patented by James Stevenson, Mar. 12, 1807. He took up 400 acres for which he paid \$70.24, and this tract has been in the Stevenson or Deunison name ever since that date. Edwin H. Dennison married Salina Reed, and they had six children: Katherine E., Edith E., Joseph D., Harry C., William R. and Edwin H., Jr.

William R. Dennison, a representative of this prominent old family, was born Apr. 7, 1879, and is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and the Pittsburgh Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1906. He has been identified with much important litigation in the county courts and many times has proven his legal ability. He has been active in politics and during 1907 and 1908 was chairman of the Democratic County Committee. In November, 1904, he was elected county auditor and in the spring of 1908 he was again nominated for the office. He maintains offices at No. 533 in the Washington Trust Building. William R. Dennison was married June 27, 1907, to Miss Matilda Snodgrass, of Claysville, and they have one daughter, Katherine Stevenson, named after her great-grandmother, Katherine Stevenson.

JOHN H. WEAVER, one of Amwell Township's substantial men and most esteemed citizens, who has resided on his valuable farm of 187 acres, devoting it to farming and stock and sheep raising, for half a century, was born in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., Feb. 22, 1835, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Horn) Weaver.

Jacob Weaver was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and was a son of Leonard Weaver, who was of German parentage. Leonard Weaver died in Virginia when his son Jacob was four years old and the latter was brought to Washington County, Pa., by his mother and other members of the family, and they settled on a portion of the land which John H. Weaver now owns. At that time the forest growth was heavy and before they could erect a cabin a clearing had to be made. For many years conditions of living were hard with the little pioneer colony, but all dangers were finally overcome and with the rapid development of this part of Amwell Township, the Weaver family had much to do. As may be imagined, Jacob Weaver had but meager educational opportunities but he grew strong and robust physically and lived to the unusual age of ninety-four years. He was widely known for his many fine qualities. He served as one of the first school directors of the township and he was very active in the founding of the Lone Pine





J. R. STUDA

Christian Church of which he was long a member. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. Of his two sons, George W., born Jan. 2, 1837, is now deceased.

John H. Weaver has been engaged in farming and stock raising ever since early youth. He has given a large amount of attention to growing sheep, making this industry one of continued profit. On December 22, 1856, he was married to Miss Sarah Slusher, who was born in Amwell Township, December 28, 1836, a daughter of Michael and Lovina (Paul) Slusher, her parents both being natives of Amwell Township. Her grandfather, Christopher Slusher, was born in Virginia and was an early settler near Lone Pine, in Amwell Township, and at one period in his life owned 700 acres of land, a portion of which is now the site of the village of Lone Pine. Of the children of Michael and Lovina Slusher, the following survive: Mrs. John H. Weaver; Keturah, who is the widow of Thomas Whipkey, formerly of Fayette County, and she now lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Ellen, who is the wife of Philip A. Cooper, of South Franklin Township; Hannah, who is the wife of Joseph Miller, of Laboratory, Pa.; Henry C., who resides at Washington; Mary, who is the wife of George Lacey, of Miami County, Kas.; Christiana, who is the wife of Addison Hazlett, of Amwell Township; and Martha, who lives at Columbus, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver four children have been born: Huston P., who married Emma Miller, and they have three surviving children—Arley B., Leta and Alta Pauline; Catherine L., who married John Bainer, of Amwell Township, and they have three children—Mary, Jacob M. and Charles Bainer; George M.; and John W., who married Sarah Anderson. They have had two children, one of whom, David Paul, survives and lives in New Jersey. John H. Weaver has always shown his interest in the public schools and for four years served as a member of the Amwell Township school board. He is a Democrat.

J. R. STUDA, a highly respected citizen and retired farmer and milk producer of South Burgettstown, who has the distinction of residing in the only brick veneered house in the place, which he has but recently completed and in which modern comforts have been installed, is one of the substantial men of this section of Washington County. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 14, 1851, and is a son of Henry L. and Melsina Studa. The parents of Mr. Studa were farming people in Cross Creek Township for many years and they were worthy members of the German Lutheran Church. Their family contained five sons and two daughters. In politics, the father was a Democrat.

J. R. Studa received instruction in his boyhood in the Muddy Lane School, in Cross Creek Township, and after-

ward helped his father on the home farm until he was twenty-eight years old and for two years more, prior to his marriage, worked on other farms. After marriage he settled on a small farm near Twin Bridges, not far from the Wabash Railroad, which he rented from J. Reed. One year later he moved to the Thomas McCorkle farm, which he operated for three years, going from there to the McConny farm, in Mt. Pleasant Township, on which he remained for eleven years. He then returned to Cross Creek Township and bought the Pryon farm of 143 acres, on which he lived for seven years and then sold it prior to moving to Burgettstown in 1902. This property was bought by the Washington County Coal Company and they paid a good price for it as it is very valuable. Mr. Studa still retains a one fourth interest in 215 acres of land in Cross Creek Township and also owns his fine residence in South Burgettstown, the lighting plant in which alone cost \$100, together with two more lots, and other lots and residences both in the town and in the country. He is one of the stockholders in the Burgettstown National Bank.

On March 14, 1881, Mr. Studa was married to Miss Nannie B. Moore, who is a daughter of William Moore, and they have one daughter, Ora M., who is a talented musician. Mr. Studa and family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Democratic party. Mr. Studa is something of a sportsman, having always taken delight in hunting and is considered a fine marksman. He is also fond of driving and keeps two speedy roadsters.

HENRY M. GAULT, general farmer and stock raiser, residing on the old homestead farm in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., on which he was born March 16, 1848, is a son of David and Matilda (Cooke) Gault.

The parents of Mr. Gault were well known residents of Cross Creek Township, where the father died in 1903. The mother died many years previously and David Gault was married (second) to Mrs. Mary Marquis, who was a daughter of William and Mary Patterson. To the first marriage four children were born: Georgetta, who married A. H. Kerr and lives at Burgettstown; and Henry M., James C. and Silas.

Henry M. Gault was educated in the local schools and the State Normal School at Edinboro, leaving at the age of eighteen years to assist his father on the farm. After his own marriage, in 1874, he moved to Norfolk, Va., where he engaged in gardening until 1882, when he went to Plattsmouth, Neb., where he carried on farming and stock raising until 1903, when the death of his father caused his return to the homestead where he has been engaged ever since, having 188 acres of fine land.

In 1874, Mr. Gault was married to Miss Rachel Dunbar, a daughter of William and Isabella Dunbar, of

Cross Creek Township, and they have had three children: Laura Belle, who resides with her parents; David Roy, who is now deceased; and Nellie Eberta, who is a popular teacher in the Cross Creek high school. Mr. Gault and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek village, and he has been an elder in the church for the past twenty years. Mr. Gault has never been very active in politics, taking much more interest in developing his land, but he has served for two years as a school director and performs all the public duties of a good citizen. He is a stockholder in the Hickory Telephone Company. He is a staunch advocate of temperance in all things and casts his vote in favor of the Prohibition party.

WILSON L. ELLIOTT, a retired capitalist and former successful farmer, has occupied his handsome brick residence at McDonald, Pa., since 1903, and is well known and very highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. He was born in Allegheny Co., Pa., January 18, 1856, and is a son of Morgan and Mary (Walker) Elliott.

The father of Mr. Elliott was engaged in farming all through his active life. Both he and wife are deceased and their burial was in the Robeson Run Cemetery. They had the following children: Joseph W., Elizabeth, Isabel, Huldah, Jennie, Wilson L. and James M. Of the above family, Elizabeth is deceased. Isabel is the wife of Dr. T. M. Fife. Huldah married A. E. Fife. Jennie married J. J. Patterson.

Wilson L. Elliott attended the district schools more or less regularly until he was eighteen years old and after that followed farming until he came to McDonald, in 1903. He is a stockholder in both banks at McDonald and is a director in the Trust Company.

In 1891, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Elizabeth Pease, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Pease. Mrs. Elliott had two brothers and one sister: Everett, deceased; Wilson, and Anna, the latter of whom is the wife of Frank DeNormandie. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have two children: Mary and Morgan, both of whom attend school at McDonald. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. In his political views, Mr. Elliott is a Democrat.

CYRUS MORROW, a prominent citizen of Washington County and one of its most efficient and popular public officials, serving at present as register of wills, is a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. He was born in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Abraham and Jane (De France) Morrow, and a grandson of William Morrow. The latter was a native of the north of Ireland and was the founder of the family in Washington County.

Cyrus Morrow had no exceptional advantages in his

youth, his education being mainly acquired through individual study and contact with the great world, with experience as his teacher. He turned his attention to farming at an early date, and after his marriage, located on property near Acheson, in Buffalo Township, where he remained until 1880, when he purchased the George W. Guy farm, situated on Dutch Fork of Buffalo Creek, just above their point of juncture. He engaged in farming on a large scale and was one of the most extensive wool growers in the county. His ability as a business man and financier was recognized and he was accorded a position in the front rank among the affluent citizens of his township. Politically he has always been a firm believer in the wisdom and justice of Republican principles, has consistently worked for the success of the party of his choice and has received hearty party recognition. He has filled numerous township offices and in 1906 began his first term as register of wills, and is now serving his second term in that capacity, his term to expire January 1, 1912. As a public official his duties have been discharged in the same capable manner as his private transactions and with such unvarying faithfulness as to place him high in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Morrow was married August 26, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Condit, who was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, July 1, 1853, and is a daughter of Cephas and Mary (Baue) Condit. To this marriage have been born the following children: Minnie E., Franklin S., Garfield B., David C., Earle, Ethel, Elizabeth J., Guy and Donald A. Minnie E. Morrow married Clyde S. Smith and they reside at Dunsport, Pa.

HON. JOSEPH R. McLAIN, president of the National Bank of Claysville, Pa., and formerly a member of both House and Senate in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, is a man of high standing in Washington County, his private character as well as his public services securing him the confidence and regard of his fellow citizens. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 8, 1828, and is a son of William and Margaret (McLelland) McLain.

John McLain, the grandfather, was born near Gettysburg, Pa., later lived at Pittsburg and came from Allegheny County to Washington County, locating permanently on a farm between Washington and Canonsburg. William McLain was born on that farm, which was located one and one-half miles from Washington. After the death of his father he had to care for the family and for more than thirty years engaged in teaching. He was a justice of the peace for a number of years and was one of Cross Creek's best known citizens. He died in 1872, having lived a long and useful life. He married Margaret McLelland, who was born in Huntingdon



County, Pa., and of their family of ten children, Joseph R. was next to the youngest, and is the only one living.

Joseph R. McLain was well educated, attending the schools of Buffalo Township and having private teachers and later he became a teacher himself and while he devoted his summers to farming and stock raising for twenty years, passed his winters in the school room, with book and ferule. For a short period he engaged also in the mercantile business at Claysville and Taylorstown, but, in 1890, when the National Bank of Claysville was organized, he accepted the presidency and has continued to shape its policy ever since. Not only has Mr. McLain been prominent in business activities but he has also been a power in politics in Washington County. With the greatest acceptability to his constituents he served one term of two years in the lower House of Representatives in the State Legislature and approval was conclusively shown when he was elected to the State Senate for a term of four years. He is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. McLain was married to Miss Susanna Ralston, who was born at Claysville, a daughter of James and Susanna Ralston, well known residents of this place, and nine children have been born to this union, namely: Lauretta Mary, who is deceased, was the wife of John M. Gamble; William J. E., who is cashier of the National Bank of Claysville; Margaret, who is the wife of Dr. J. N. Sprows, of Claysville; John A., who resides at Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Joseph Milton, who died aged thirty years; David, who lives in California; Susanna S., who is the wife of W. L. Noble, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; Rebecca, who is the wife of Rev. H. B. King, of Harrisburg; and George W., who had passed his twenty-second birthday at the time of his death. Mr. McLain and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville, with which religious body he has been connected since youth, and is a member of the Session.

HENRY F. CARL, a successful agriculturist of Washington County, Pa., and the owner of several large properties in Independence Township, was born in Schonhagen, in Province of Hanover, Germany, August 21, 1848, a son of Henry and Hannah (Overman) Carl natives of that country.

The parents of Mr. Carl came to the United States in 1856, located on a farm in Washington County, Pa., and there began the cultivation of the soil, and spent the remainder of their lives in Donegal Township. They were the parents of children as follows: Caroline, who is the widow of George Kindemond, residing at Hickory; Lucinda, who married Henry Gunther, residing in Donegal Township; Hannah, who is the wife of Charles Schmitz, of Pittsburg; Eliza, who is the widow of Henry

Danenburg, of Wheeling; Minnie, who is the wife of Georgs Arns, of Jefferson Township; and Henry F.

Henry F. Carl was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country, and until he was sixteen years old he attended the school situated near his father's farm. He remained on the home farm until his first marriage, in 1873, when he became a tenant farmer, and so continued until 1896, in this year locating on his own farm of 106 acres in Independence Township, which he had previously purchased, and in 1902 bought the farm adjoining this property, a tract of 131 acres. His first purchase of land was when he bought out the other heirs to his father's old property in Donegal Township, consisting of some fifty acres. This he sold and later purchased his present farm of 106 acres. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and makes a specialty of sheep breeding, while still operating the two farms. His land has all been acquired by his own efforts, assisted by those of his children, and his career is a striking example of what may be accomplished by a man through perseverance and industry. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Carl has been too busy looking after his farming interests to give much attention to public affairs, although he has done his duty as a citizen by serving as school director. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1873, Mr. Carl was married (first) to Rachel McPherson, a daughter of Daniel and Nancy McPherson, of Donegal Township, and to this union there were born the following children: Nannie, the wife of William Cunningham, who has four children, namely Ethel, Mary, Edna and Henry; Mollie, the wife of Ira Moore, of Independence Township; Ida, residing at home; Sadie, who lives with relatives at Claysville; Lucy, the wife of Robert Craig, of Hopewell Township, and they have a son, Robert Carl Craig; George C., of Independence Township, who is married and has a son, Clarence; and James W., Annie and Grover, living at home, Annie being a school teacher. The mother of these children died in 1887, and was buried in Donegal Cemetery. In 1893, Mr. Carl was married to Lou Adams, daughter of Alexander and Lucinda Adams, of Independence Township, and two children have been born to this union: Twila and Earl L., both students at school.

ABRAHAM MORROW, deceased, for many years was one of the leading agriculturists of Washington County, Pa. He was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, in 1816, and was a son of George and Hester (Poole) Morrow and a grandson of William Morrow.

George Morrow was born in the north of Ireland and was a son of William Morrow, a native of that part of Ireland, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage. William

Morrow was the first of the family to settle in Washington County, establishing a home for himself and family near Hillsboro, in West Bethlehem Township. At the time of his death he was living with his son George, in Donegal Township. George Morrow remained on the home farm in West Bethlehem Township until some time subsequent to his marriage, when he moved to a farm on the Dutch Fork, about one mile from its confluence with Big Buffalo Creek, in Donegal Township, and resided there during the remainder of his life. He married Hester Poole and they became the parents of the following children: David, Abraham, Noah, Thomas, Elizabeth, Matilda and Mary.

Abraham Morrow grew up on the home farm and the education he received was obtained in the subscription schools. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he acquired an ample fortune. For some years following his marriage he resided on a farm in Donegal Township and then moved for a few years to Licking County, Ohio, but subsequently returned to the old farm in Washington County. His death occurred February 12, 1888. He was a man to whom his fellow citizens accorded respect and esteem. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church and contributed liberally to the erection of the Dutch Fork church edifice and parsonage. When he removed to Licking County he found no church of his faith in the section in which he located and while he lived there was largely instrumental in the erection of a suitable church edifice and the establishment of a congregation which has prospered.

In 1841, the late Abraham Morrow was married to Miss Jane DeFrance, who was born on Raccoon Creek, in Washington County, June 19, 1821. Her father was Allison DeFrance. Seven children were born to this marriage, the eldest of whom, Cyrus Morrow, is one of the county's leading citizens and at present is register of wills. Four others survive: Salem, Permella Ann, Perry and Albert. Ellen died when aged twelve years and a son passed away in infancy.

WALTER G. CRAMER, editor and sole owner of the Burgettstown Herald, which newspaper he founded in 1908, is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Washington County. He was born at Curwensville, Clearfield, Co., Pa., March 20, 1877, and is a son of Eli and Mary J. (Stansberry) Cramer. The father died February 1, 1899, and was buried at Cherry Tree, in Indiana County, Pa., in which county the mother still resides.

Mr. Cramer's great-grandfather was in the Revolutionary War, his grandfather in the War of 1812, and his father in the Mexican and Civil Wars.

Walter G. Cramer was educated in the schools of Indiana County and then learned the printing trade with

his brother, at Burgettstown. He remained in Burgettstown until about 1896, when he went to Pittsburg, where he worked a couple of years on the "Chronicle-Telegraph." Returning to Burgettstown in 1898, he again took up work on his brother's paper, the "Enterprise," an independent weekly paper, published here. In 1906 the brother sold the "Enterprise" to a stock company. Mr. Cramer was editor and manager until 1908, when he founded the "Herald," and has ably edited it and managed its business affairs ever since. It is a paying property and its subscription list is constantly increasing. Mr. Cramer has other investments and is a stockholder in the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown.

On October 16, 1898, Mr. Cramer was married to Miss Hettie I. McCabe, a daughter of John D. and Charlotte McCabe, and they have two children: Herbert W. and John S. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. He belongs to Lodge No. 1145, Odd Fellows, at Burgettstown, and also to Silver Cliff Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE BLOOMINGSTOCK, a citizen of Blaine Township, Washington Co., Pa., is serving as president of the board of road supervisors and is also a member of the school board. He devotes his farm of 105 acres to general agriculture and stock raising. He was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, January 18, 1855, and is a son of Martin and Margaret (Horne) Bloomingstock.

The father of Mr. Bloomingstock, who died several years since, was born in Germany, but the mother is a native of Pennsylvania and is one of the venerable residents of Buffalo Township. Of their family of six children the following survive: George, of Blaine Township; Robert, of Washington County; Samuel, of Canton Township; and John and Elton A., both residing at Washington. In politics, Martin Bloomingstock was a Democrat. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

George Bloomingstock was reared in Buffalo Township, where he attended school and then learned the carpenter trade. For a number of years he engaged in carpenter and building work and put up many fine buildings in his day, but since 1893 he has given the larger part of his attention to farming. He continued to reside in Buffalo Township until 1907, when he came to Blaine Township and has lived here ever since. He owns very productive land and takes much interest in its cultivation.

In 1875, Mr. Bloomingstock was married to Miss Anna McQuay, a daughter of William McQuay, formerly a resident of Canton Township, and they have three children: Ina M., William aid Sarah W. Mr. Bloomingstock and family attend the United Presbyterian Church at Taylors town. Wherever he has lived since reaching manhood, Mr. Bloomingstock has been an active citizen and has done his part in bringing about good government. He





MR. AND MRS. CHARLES A. BINGHAM

votes with the Democratic party but when it comes to matters of general benefit, he puts party feeling aside and lends his influence to what he believes to be right and this has brought him the confidence and friendship of his fellow citizens in general. He has served acceptably in township offices both in Buffalo and Blaine Townships.

CHARLES A. BINGHAM, a leading business citizen at Burgettstown, formerly a member of the board of health and borough auditor, was born at Frankfort, Beaver Co., Pa., February 6, 1863, and is a son of Dr. Agnew John and Margaret (Nicholson) Bingham.

The father of Mr. Bingham was a well known physician and surgeon in Beaver County and was a practitioner at Murdockville and Frankfort. His death occurred in 1866, at Candor. He married Margaret Nicholson, who was a daughter of Hon. Thomas and Rebecca Nicholson. Hon. Thomas Nicholson was a very prominent public figure in his day, serving in many high offices. He was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and at the time of death was State treasurer. He survived until 1872 and his death and burial were at Frankfort. The parents of Mr. Bingham were members of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bingham was identified with the Democratic party but was not an active politician.

Charles A. Bingham was the only child of his parents. He was given many advantages and his education was acquired in Quishacoquillas school, in Millin County, in the Canonsburg Academy and in the Paris Academy. From the latter institution he went into business life, working for several years as a clerk in the shoe store of Henry Hull, at Washington, and later in the same capacity was employed by W. M. Laird, at Pittsburg, becoming then a salesman for the wholesale firm of Laird & Ray, and still later for Bingham & Co., and afterward for Lyons & Butterfield. With his many years of practical experience, Mr. Bingham felt himself thoroughly qualified and prepared for doing business for himself, and in 1902 he came to Burgettstown and has met with such gratifying success that he has remained ever since. His stock includes shoes and men's and ladies' furnishings.

On November 21, 1894, Mr. Bingham was married to Miss Anna Weber, a daughter of John B. and Katherine Weber. He attends the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. In politics, Mr. Bingham is a Republican and he has always been an active and earnest citizen. He is a member of Burgettstown Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., and of J. K. Moorehead Conclave, No. 82, of the Order of Heptasophs, at Pittsburg.

CHARLES LLOYD HARSHA, M. D., one of Canons-

burg's representative citizens, who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in this city since 1904, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 12, 1876. His parents were Thomas and Jane (Welch) Harsha.

Dr. Harsha's immediate ancestors have been of Washington County for several generations and the families are well represented through this section of Pennsylvania. His father followed an agricultural life for many years and then retired with his wife, to Washington, where he died in 1891, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was survived by his widow until 1904. Of their family of nine children, Dr. Harsha is the youngest, the others being as follows: Mary, who is the wife of J. G. McPherson, resides at Philadelphia; Margaret, who is now deceased, was the wife of J. N. Grimes; J. W., who is a prominent minister of the United Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburg, Pa., a graduate of Franklin College, married Dola Cable; Ella, who resides at Philadelphia; Curtis, who is the wife of Robert Evans Steele, resides in Hutchinson, Kas.; Thomas Clark, who is a farmer in Chartiers Township, married Harriet McCaffery; Robert, a graduate of Franklin College, who is now pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Taylors-town, married Margaret Pollock; Nettie, who resides at Pittsburg; and J. V., who is a practicing physician at McKeesport, Pa., is a graduate of the Pittsburg University.

The boyhood of Dr. Harsha was passed on his father's farm, but he early discovered that his tastes and natural inclinations were all in the direction of a professional career and his studies were accordingly pursued with this end in view. After graduating with honors and receiving the degrees of A. B. and A. M., from Washington and Jefferson College, in 1897 and after serving as instructor of Latin in the Washington high school for one year, he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and from that grand old institution, to which hundreds of eminent medical men look back with affection, he was graduated in 1903. In the following year he entered upon practice at Canonsburg and here has found appreciation of his medical and surgical skill and is recognized as one of the ablest practitioners of the city. He is a member of a number of medical organizations, including the county, State and American Medical Associations.

On June 17, 1909, Dr. Harsha was married to Miss Lucile Greer, a daughter of C. M. and Margaret (Clark) Greer, of Canonsburg. Mrs. Harsha was educated at the Pennsylvania College for Women. Dr. Harsha retains his membership in the Nu Sigma Nu and the Alpha Omega Alpha fraternities of his college, in which he took an active part during his collegiate course. In politics he is a Republican. With his wife he is a member of

the United Presbyterian Church. They enjoy an attractive home at No. 222 West Pike street. They are more or less interested in the pleasant social life of the city and have a wide circle of personal friends, many of these having known them from childhood.

GEORGE W. BUXTON, a substantial business citizen of Independence, Washington Co., Pa., where he is carrying on a prosperous general store enterprise, was born in 1865, in West Virginia, just across the river from Steubenville, Ohio, and is a son of James and Eleanore (Noah) Buxton.

The Buxton family, which is well known in Pennsylvania, was founded by Jacob Buxton, the great-grandfather of George W., who came as a young man to the United States from Germany. His son, Amos Buxton, was a stone mason by trade, and spent all of his life within a few miles of Independence, becoming well and favorably known as a master of his trade. James Buxton, father of George W., was born in Brooke County, W. Va., and came to Independence Township when nine years of age, following farming here up to the time of his wife's death in 1905, and since that time making his home with his son George W. James Buxton married Eleanore Noah, and they had two sons: George W., and John C., the latter also residing in Independence.

George W. Buxton was educated in the common schools which he left at the age of seventeen years to engage in farming with his father, and so continued until 1901, in which year he commenced operating a coal bank, furnishing coal to the Wabash Railroad for two years. He then came to Independence, buying the store of T. J. Adamson, and he has continued in this business to the present time, keeping a full line of groceries, dry goods, hardware and shoes, and having a large trade in his community. The building which he occupies was erected by his grandfather in 1848, and testifies to the latter's skill as a workman.

On December 27, 1898, Mr. Buxton was married to Mary C. Adams, daughter of Joseph P. and Florence Adams, of Independence, and there have been three children born to this union: Glen W., in March, 1901; Florence, in July, 1905; and James, in July, 1907.

Mr. Buxton is a trustee of the Independence Methodist Church, and his wife has been greatly interested in the work of this denomination. Although a Democrat in national matters, Mr. Buxton has been independent in local affairs, voting rather for the man than the party. He is the present township auditor, it being his third term in this office, and he has also served two terms as township clerk. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Independence, and is to be found in the front rank when any movement calculated

to be of benefit to his community is being agitated by his fellow citizens.

JOSEPH CARSON, deceased. The Carsons of Ohio County, W. Va., have always enjoyed high standing in that section and one of the representative and worthy members was the late Joseph Carson, who was born on the old family home place there, August 21, 1801, and was a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Irwin) Carson.

The family originally moved from Scotland to County Tyrone, Ireland, and from there emigrated to America, where the family has been established for more than 200 years. Richard Carson, the father of Joseph Carson, was a native of Pennsylvania. In the latter part of the eighteenth century he removed from Dauphin County, Pa., from the vicinity of Harrisburg, to Ohio County, Va., where he purchased the farm which later became the possession of his son Joseph. Richard Carson was a soldier in the War of 1812 and his death occurred at Delaware, Ohio, while on his way home from that war. He married Elizabeth Irwin and they had the following named children born to them: Abner, John, Nancy, Joseph, David, Elizabeth and Irwin. His widow subsequently became the wife of William Faris.

Joseph Carson, the third son, was young when he was left fatherless. He was reared on the home farm and gained sufficient education in the subscription schools and through his own efforts, to enable him to teach school and for several years before settling down to an entirely agricultural life, he engaged in teaching in his native county. He was a man of marked ability and his public spirit was shown in his efforts to better his community and to develop a spirit of progress, at all times exerting an influence in the direction of education and religion. He lived a long and useful life and died on the farm on which he was born, July 20, 1887.

In 1828, Joseph Carson was united in marriage with Miss Anna Brown, a daughter of William Brown, of Ohio County, and they had the following children born to them: Elizabeth, who married Robert Criswell; Hannah J., who married Harvey J. Milligan; Richard; Mary A., who married David M. Boggs; Sarah; William; Almira S. and Harriet, both of whom are now deceased; Vincent B. and John I., the last named being a very prominent citizen of Washington, Pa., and a leading member of its able bar. Joseph Carson was an old-time Democrat and was a man of party influence in his day and for some years he served as a justice of the peace. For more than a quarter of a century he was an elder in the West Alexander Presbyterian Church.

MRS. SARAH J. NOBLE, whose valuable farm of forty-two acres is situated in Donegal Township and is

devoted to general agriculture, has resided in the village of Vienna, Pa., since 1907. She was born near Utica, N. Y., January 14, 1836, and is a daughter of Matthew and Julia (Kennedy) Lavey.

The parents of Mrs. Noble were both born in Ireland. After coming to America they resided successively in various parts of New York State, and finally settled at Utica, where the father died when his daughter Sarah (Mrs. Noble) was but three years old. Mrs. Lavey remained a widow for a time and then married Robert Dougan and the family then came to Washington County, settling first at West Alexander. Later they moved to Claysville and there both Mr. and Mrs. Dougan died, the latter in her sixty-fifth year. Robert Dougan served as a soldier in the Civil War.

Mrs. Noble was sixteen years old when the family came to West Alexander, and on February 6, 1855, she was married to James Noble. He was a native of Ireland and was a son of James and Rosa Noble, who spent their lives in that country. In early manhood James Noble crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Canada, and from there came to West Alexander, where he was engaged for a time in the boot and shoe manufacturing business. In August, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering the 1st W. Va. Cav., and serving in Gen. Rosecrans' command. On March 14, 1862, he was killed by bushwhackers while on a scouting expedition. He was a favorite with his comrades and they all were united in their deep grief over his sad fate. The G. A. R. Post of West Alexander is named in his honor. Besides his widow, Mr. Noble left three fatherless children, all of whom have been carefully reared by their mother. The eldest, Eva K., is a successful teacher in the public schools at Frederickstown, Pa.; William E. and Mary E. both reside at Vienna with their mother. Mrs. Noble and her children are members of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, but Mr. Noble belonged to the M. E. Church. There are few better known or more highly respected ladies in the community than is Mrs. Noble, who, for almost 40 years was the toll-gate keeper on the National Road about two miles east of West Alexander. During this long period she was faithful to her duties and maintained the dignity and self respect which the importance of the position demanded.

**MISS MARY M. SMITH.** There are few family names in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., that are recalled with more respect than that of Smith, the first bearer of the name here being Nathaniel Smith, who was the grandfather of Miss Mary M. Smith, who owns and resides on the fine old homestead farm of eighty-seven acres. Miss Smith was born on this farm, in 1847, and her parents were William and Mary (Creswell) Smith.

Nathaniel Smith was born in Ireland and he came to this section of Washington County when there were comparatively few settlers here. He was a man possessing more education than his neighbors and also had the qualities which commanded the respect and confidence of the community and he was frequently called on to write wills and deeds, to preserve records, act as administrator and perform other duties which usually fall to the leading citizen. He was a practical surveyor and followed this profession in addition to cultivating his farm. This farm originally was a part of the old Philip Doddridge tract, for which he obtained patent from the commonwealth. This farm subsequently came into the possession of Miss Mary M. Smith, his only grandchild. She has sold that property, with the exception of the old home and two acres of land, to a coal company.

William Smith, father of Miss Mary M., was a well known school teacher and there are many of the elder residents of Independence Township who can recall him as such. He at that early day had to furnish the school-house in which he taught. His death occurred in 1855 and his burial was at Mt. Hope. He married Mary Creswell and they had two children: Mary M. and William Sidney, the latter of whom died in 1874. In 1857, Mrs. Smith was married (second) to John H. White, and they had one daughter, Esther J., who resides with her sister, Miss Mary M. The mother survived until 1891, and her burial was at Wellsville, Ohio.

John H. White was born in West Middletown, where his father, Thomas White was a blacksmith. The latter moved with his family to what now is the Stewart farm in Independence Township, on which he burned the brick out of which the house which now stands was built. When John H. White was first married he went to house keeping in a house which stood where the Wabash road now runs. He later moved to West Virginia, and was a farmer there. After the death of his first wife there, he was married to Mrs. Smith.

Miss Mary M. Smith attended school at Fallen Timber and then entered Muskingum College, Ohio, where she was subsequently graduated. For two years afterward she taught school, in Delaware County, N. Y., and then returned to Wellsville, Ohio, where her mother joined her after the death of Mr. White. In 1896, Miss Smith returned to take personal charge of the old homestead, which she has capably managed ever since, raising cattle and hogs together with grain, hay and fruit. Miss Smith and her sister are both members of the United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown and both are active workers in the Missionary Society. Miss Smith is very highly esteemed and is noted for her kindness of heart and charitable impulses as well as for her excellent judgment in the management of her estate.

HON. JOHN W. WILES, Burgess of McDonald, Pa., and a prominent citizen of this borough, was born at Parkersburg, W. Va., November 27, 1866, and is a son of Samuel J. and Mary J. (Summers) Wiles.

The parents of Mr. Wiles were also natives of West Virginia and the father died there March 4, 1909, and his burial was at Petroleum. He was engaged in oil development. In politics he was a Republican, and he and wife were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their four children, John W., is the eldest, the other being: Dora, who married W. S. Day-huff; Lafayette; and Lina, who married F. M. Powell.

John W. Wiles spent but a short time in school, entering the oil fields when young and he has continued in the oil business ever since, at the present time having an interest in over 100 wells in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He has been a very active, progressive and useful citizen of McDonald and his fellow citizens testified to their confidence and esteem by electing him Burgess on February 16, 1909.

In 1906, Mr. Wiles was married to Miss Elizabeth Copeland, who is a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Copeland, who were farming people in Harrison County, Ohio. Mrs. Wiles has four brothers: William, John, Jacob and George. The one son of the family bears the name of Robert.

Burgess Wiles is identified with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. & A. M.; No. 605, Odd Fellows, both at McDonald; and Lodge No. 831, Elks, at Carnegie. Mr. Wiles is manager of the McDonald baseball club, having a love for athletic sports and especially for the great American game.

W. R. McILVAINE, vice-president of the Washington Trust Company, of Washington, Pa., and for the past twenty years identified with many of the important business interests of city and county, was born in 1845, in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of the late William McIlvaine.

The McIlvaine family came to Washington County as early as 1780 and has increased and prospered here ever since. The father of Mr. McIlvaine was born in Somerset Township in 1805, and his whole life was passed in Washington County, where, for many years, he engaged in farming and stock raising.

W. R. McIlvaine obtained his education in the schools of his native county and resided on the farm on which he was born until he was forty-five years old, following farming and wool growing. After taking up his residence at Washington, he became interested in the natural gas industry and was one of a number who formed a company under the name of the Relief Gas Company, which was subsequently bought by the Manufacturers' Gas, Heat and Light Company, Mr. McIlvaine continu-

ing an interest in the same. He is second officer in the Washington Trust Company and was chairman of the building committee that erected the fine six-story bank building, a handsome structure with dimensions of 80 by 135 feet. In addition to being a thoroughly experienced and practical business man, Mr. McIlvaine is an active citizen and many of the movements which have contributed to the greatest welfare of the city, have had his approval in their inception and completion.

In 1868, Mr. McIlvaine was married to Miss Sarah E. Hamilton, who was born in Nottingham Township, of a prominent old Washington County family. They have three children: Nora Irene, who resides at home; William Alexander Hamilton, who is an attorney at Washington; and John Addison, who is a member of the faculty at Mt. Airy Institute for the Deaf. Mr. McIlvaine and family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

DUNNING HART, residing at No. 654 Maiden street, Washington, Pa., is a member of an old settled family of Pennsylvania. He was born in Washington County, Pa., November 30, 1836, and is a son of David and Margery Dunning Butler Hart, she being the second wife of David Hart. They had three children, namely: Margaret, who married Willison Kerr, is deceased as is also her husband; Dunning; and Eliza Harper, the latter of whom married Ard M. Hosack, and lives at Scenery Hill, Washington County.

The Hart family in America sprung from Nathan Hart (1), of Scotland. He came across the waters and settled on Muddy Run, Adams County, Pa., about 1730, which is about all that is known of his family except that he had two sons: Nathan Hart (2) and Micah Hart, the last named afterward settling near Norwich, Ohio.

Nathan Hart (2) in 1769, married Margaret Monteith and they lived in Muddy Run, Adams Co., Pa., and to them were born four children: David, in 1775; Jane, in 1777; Margaret, in 1782; and Mary, in 1785. Of these, Jane married John Kerr and lived and died near Gettysburg and had four children: Margaret married Nathaniel Paxton, in 1804, and removed to Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1812. The numerous Paxton families throughout the northern part of Washington County, Pa., and parts of Ohio, are descendants of Nathaniel and Margaret (Hart) Paxton. Mary married Smith McCullough, of Pigeon Creek, Washington Co., Pa. Nathaniel Hart (2) died in 1787, on Muddy Run, Adams County. His wife, Margaret (Monteith) Hart, died in 1785, leaving the four children orphans.

David Hart assumed the entire management of the homestead, and cared, as a father, for his three sisters. On April 12, 1798, he married Sarah Paxton and re-





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remained on Muddy Run until the spring of 1807, when he and wife, feeling that the advantages and future welfare of their family demanded removal farther west, severed the strong ties that bound them to their childhood home. They started on their journey to Washington County, coming through on horseback and arriving in Somerset Township about the first of April, 1807. Here, in this house they had hewed out of the forest, they lived and died. There were born to them nine children, three born in Adams County and six in Washington County, as follows: Andrew Hart, born July 19, 1799, died August 10, 1861; Jane Hart, born January 28, 1801, and died February 21, 1864; Paxton Hart, born February 19, 1803, died October 30, 1828; John Hart, born December 15, 1805, died March 1, 1820; James Gibson Hart, born January 2, 1807; David Hart, born December 18, 1808, died March 30, 1872; Maria Hart; Sally Hart, born April 10, 1813, died May 17, 1830; and William Hart, born September 19, 1817. Sarah (Paxton) Hart died in 1830. In 1832, David Hart married for a second wife, Mrs. Margaret Dunning Butler, to whom were born three children, namely: Margaret Hart Kerr, deceased; Eliza Hart Hosack, of Scenery Hill, and Dunning Hart, of Washington, Pa.

David Hart died October 1, 1862, and as to the life he led and to the high esteem in which he was held by those who knew him, it can be told no better than to add here the words written by one who knew him well, Rev. Bankhead Boyd, of Pigeon Creek.

"David Hart died at his residence in Somerset Township, Washington County, on the first day of October, 1862, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was born in Adams County, Pa., November 28, 1775. The time of his removal to this county was 1807. He was a ruling elder in the Associate Presbyterian Church of Pigeon Creek. In noticing the death of this good man, it is not our design to pronounce any eulogy upon him. He was too well known in the community in which he long resided, to render this necessary. It is but justice, however, to say that but few men stood higher in the community than the deceased. He possessed a strong, discriminating judgment, a character fair and unblemished, strongly marked by decision, and at the same time distinguished for uprightness and sterling integrity, which secured for him the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. This was evident from the large amount of business with which he was from time to time entrusted, and indeed, during the greater part of his long life, he was acting for others, in one way or another, and the vast concourse of people which accompanied his mortal remains to their final resting place, showed the high esteem in which he was held by the community at large. Benevolence was a paramount feature in his character. The good of others was an object which he kept steadily

in view, and any measures which he believed calculated for the promotion of the public good, received his cordial support. At the time of his death he was an active and influential member of the Bible Society of Somerset Township. The interests of true religion, also the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in this world, were always with him matters of the first importance. Having early made a profession of his faith in Christ, he ever manifested a deep solicitude for the cause he had espoused, and his counsel and contributions were never wanting but always rendered with the greatest cheerfulness, when the interests of the church required them. His whole life was an ornament of the profession he had made. His house was the house of prayer, the morning and evening sacrifice was never neglected. His seat was never vacant in the House of God but for the weightiest reasons, and in all the relations of life he seemed to aim at maintaining a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man.

"In a word, he was a just man who feared God and wrought righteousness and was eminently useful in his day and generation, both in the church and in the world, being always ready for every good work. From the nature of the disease from which he died, he was in a great measure deprived of the powers of speech during his last illness, and consequently little could be obtained from him respecting his feelings or state of mind, but, judging from the general tenor of his life, we can have no doubt but that his latter end was peace. 'Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace.' He left a wife and numerous relatives to mourn his loss, but trust their loss was his gain, and that he is now in the Upper Sanctuary, singing the song of Moses and the Lamb with the angels and the spirits of just men made perfect."

Dunning Hart was reared on the home farm in Somerset Township. He enlisted in Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served three years of the Civil War, in the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, receiving three gunshot wounds, one slight and two serious, and was in the Philadelphia Hospital for about eight months before again fit for duty. He was then transferred from Co. G, to the 3rd Vet. Res., of which he was an officer, and was discharged at Augusta, Maine, in September, 1865. He is a member of W. F. Templeton Post, G. A. R.

After his military service was over, Mr. Hart returned home and resumed farming and stock raising in Somerset Township, continuing until 1868, when he purchased the Lowland Stock Farm, in Amwell Township, to which he moved and carried on farming and stock raising there until 1908, when he sold out and retired to Washington. He was an extensive raiser of all kinds of stock and in later years he made a specialty of registered Shorthorn

cattle, in which he met with much success. He has always been an active citizen.

Mr. Hart was married in the fall of 1865, to Miss Mary J. Davis, born in Allegheny County, Pa., July 24, 1839, a daughter of George and Martha (Crawford) Davis. When Mrs. Hart was sixteen years of age, her parents moved to the Brownlee farm in Washington County, and she has resided in the county ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Hart reared a family of seven children, namely: George Davis, who lives on the Lowland farm; David Paxton, who also resides in Amwell Township; Margaret M., who is the wife of J. Preston Horn, lives near Baker's Station; Dunning Albert, who died when just past his seventeenth year; James G., who is engaged in business at Duquesne, Pa.; John Fergus, who is deceased; and William E. William E. Hart is a practicing physician in the Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, in the class of 1905, and from Johns Hopkins Medical College, Baltimore, Md., in the class of 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

JULES J. CHARLIER, treasurer of the McDonald Savings and Trust Company, at McDonald, Pa., has been identified with this financial institution since 1905, and has spent thirty years of his life in America, but another land claims his birth. He is a native of Belgium, born in that country in September, 1868, and is a son of Jules and a grandson of Alexis Charlier.

Both grandfather and father were coal miners in Belgium and it was with the hope of finding better industrial conditions in the coal districts of Pennsylvania, that the father of Jules J. Charlier brought his family to America in 1879. He had married Josephine Manderlier, in Belgium, and they became the parents of the following children: Emma; Octavius; Fred; Emil; Mary, who married Morris Evans; Alice, who married Roy L. Smith; and Jules J., who was the second in order of birth.

Jules J. Charlier had only the rather meager educational opportunities that are afforded children in the mining districts, where very often their school days are shortened in order that they may join the other male members of the family and by their work add to the general income, and his was no exceptional case. His teaching in Belgium had been in the French language and only four months was afforded him in the common schools in the United States in which to master an entirely new tongue, and then he went into the mines and did his daily task under ground with the others. However, he was different in that he had ambition and when his hard labor was over for the day, he applied himself to study in the evenings and in a surprisingly short time

had acquired knowledge that made him a valuable employe in another direction and provided a stepping stone to the promotion which later awaited him. After leaving the mines he entered the employ of a merchant, T. B. Rollins, and later, of J. D. Sauters, a coal operator, and still later he embarked in a grocery business for himself, at McDonald. He continued in the latter enterprise for some time and then sold out, and in 1905 accepted the position of bookkeeper for the McDonald Savings and Trust Company, of which he is now treasurer.

The McDonald Savings and Trust Company was organized in 1903, with a capital stock of \$125,000, John P. Scott being its first president, and W. L. Scott, its first treasurer. The capitalists who formed the first board of directors were the following: John P. Scott, W. L. Elliott, Dr. G. H. Miller, C. G. Haden, J. M. Stillely, D. G. Bamford, James Baell, K. N. McDonald and Richard Lamb. It is a sound, safe concern that has more than met every expectation and is one of the most solidly financed institutions of this section.

In November, 1890, Mr. Charlier was married to Miss Emma Egbert, whose parents are Nicholas and Flomey (Leroy) Egbert, residents of McDonald, whose other children are: Lena, wife of Augustus Bailey Isadore; Flomey, wife of Eli Conlier; and Helen, wife of Frank Seouart; and Jules.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlier: Raymond, Earl and Evaline. They are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows, a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. & A. M., and MacDonald Lodge, No. 605, Odd Fellows, both at McDonald. In politics he is a Republican.

ROBERT L. JOHNSTON, president of the school board of California, Pa., and a director of the First National Bank, has been a resident of East Pike Run Township since about 1854, and was born February 5, 1848, at Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa., a son of James M. and Jane B. (Scott) Johnston, and a grandson of George Johnston, a native of Ireland, who came to this country about 1806 and located at Brownsville, Pa., where he died at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The father of our subject was a plasterer and contractor by trade, but spent his later years on a farm in East Pike Run Township.

Robert L. Johnston was reared at California, Pa., where he attended the local schools and the old academy, and when a youth removed with his parents to the farm in East Pike Run Township, where he subsequently engaged in farming until 1897, when he sold the property and came to California, where he and his brother James M. carry on a plaster contracting business. Mr. John-

ston has for the past twenty-two years served as a member of the township and borough school boards, and is now serving his fourth term on the California board, of which he has for a number of years been president. The other members of the board are as follows: W. J. Weaver, T. J. Underwood, Peter Dewar, Joseph Gallagher, and Ross Denny. Mr. Johnston is a Knight Templar Mason. He married Mary Worrel, who was born in Washington County, Pa., and was reared in Fallowfield Township by James Stroud. They have three children: James S., Jane S., and Robert L.

LEWIS N. YOHE, a member of the Yohe Brothers' Lumber Company, which is the oldest concern of its kind in Monongahela City, and was established in 1878, has been a life-long resident of this city, where he was born April 15, 1855, and is a son of Michael and Phoebe (McConnel) Yohe.

Michael Yohe was born and reared on a farm at Valley Inn, Carrol Township, in 1815, and was a son of Isaac Yohe, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, locating on a farm three miles east of Monongahela City, where he spent his life engaged in farming. Michael Yohe was reared on the home farm, where he remained until after his marriage. He moved to Monongahela City, Pa., where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Phoebe McConnel, who was born in 1825, in West Middletown, Pa., and who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their union resulted in the birth of nine sons, namely: John M., a resident of Pittsburgh; Isaac, a resident of Monongahela City; Leroy S., deceased; James L., who is in partnership with his brother Lewis; William G., of New Kensington, Pa.; Lewis N., the subject of this sketch; Frank; and Charles (twins) both residents of Monongahela City; and Sherod, who also resides in Monongahela City.

Lewis N. Yohe grew to maturity at his father's home, and after obtaining an education in the common schools of the township, spent two years on Capt. J. B. Gibson's farm, and two years on Daniel Reil's farm, where he took the place of his cousin, J. B. Yohe, now general manager of the Lake Erie Railroad. He then came to Monongahela City, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Isaac, with whom he and his brother James, established in 1878, the planing mill and lumber company, which is still operated under the firm name of Yohe Brothers' Lumber Company. The plant, which is located on the Monongahela River, gives employment to an average of 60 to 100 men, and the concern does a general contracting business, dealing also in all kinds of building materials. Isaac Yohe disposed of his interest in the business to Clyde C. Yohe, a son of James L. Yohe, and is now living in retirement. James L. Yohe is manager of the mill, his son Clyde is secretary

and treasurer of the company, and Lewis N. Yohe, manager of the general contract work.

In March, 1877, Mr. Yohe was united in marriage with Sallie A. Wilson, a daughter of John and Susanna Wilson, of Chester County, Pa., and they have had the following children: Warren L., who married Margaret Abbott, and has one child, Lewis, Jr.; George W.; Lewis H.; deceased; Michael, who married Nellie McCalister and has two children, Donald and Harold; Sarah N., who is the wife of George H. Peterson; Susan, deceased; Percy P., and Elsie.

In politics Mr. Yohe is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum. He is an active member in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been trustee for the past twenty-eight years.

WALTER H. BAKER, secretary and treasurer of the Universal Rolling Mill Company, whose plant is located at Bridgeville, Pa., is one of the prominent young business men of Washington. He was born at Zollarsville, in Bethlehem Township, but has practically spent his entire life in Washington, where his father, N. R. Baker, of the Citizens' National Bank, located when he was a child.

Walter H. Baker graduated with the class of 1898 from Washington and Jefferson College, and immediately afterward became identified with the Tyler Charcoal Iron Mills for two years, after which he went to Waynesburg as superintendent of the Waynesburg Forge, Sheet and Tin Mills, in which capacity he served until 1907, when he accepted a position as secretary and treasurer of the Universal Rolling Mill Company, with which he has since been identified, his office being located at No. 531 Washington Trust building, Washington.

Mr. Baker is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; is fraternally affiliated with Sunset Lodge, F. & A. M., and belongs also to the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh.

In April, 1909, Mr. Baker married Amy Patterson Duncan, a daughter of the late James E. Duncan, who was a prominent glass manufacturer of Pittsburgh and Washington.

WILLIAM BAMFORD, a prominent farmer of Robeson Township and the owner of a farm of 114 acres, on which he has a producing oil well, was born November 16, 1864, at Bulger, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Gordon) Bamford. The father was a blacksmith during his early life, but subsequently followed farming. He died January 1, 1886, leaving his widow, who is a resident of Midway, and the following children: D. G. Bamford, William, our subject; Robert, and Mary, who lives with the mother at Midway.

William Bamford obtained his education in the com-

mon schools of the township, and since completing same has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Robeson Township. He is a stockholder in the Midway National Bank, and the McDonald Savings and Trust Company. In politics he is a Democrat and has served three years as collector and treasurer of the school funds, and three years as road supervisor of the township.

In 1882, Mr. Bamford married Anna M. Hood, a daughter of James and Margaret (Burns) Hood, who was one of ten children born to her parents, who were well known farmers of this county: Jane, the deceased wife of James Coventry; Mary, deceased wife of John Coventry; Nancy, who first married Samuel Ackleson, formed a second union with Thomas Ramsey; Catherine, the deceased wife of William Moreland; John; Alexander; Amanda, deceased; Anna Margaret, who is the wife of our subject; James, and George. Mr. and Mrs. Bamford have three children: Sarah G., Margaret H. and Robert James.

ROBERT LEMOYNE ELWOOD, ex-mayor and an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Monongahela City, Pa., who has been a resident here for the past forty-seven years, was born August 3, 1856, in Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Howe) Elwood.

Robert Elwood, father of our subject, was a small boy when his parents removed from Ohio to Washington County, Pa., where they settled on a tract of timberland. Here he was reared and learned the blacksmith trade, and during the Civil War, came to Monongahela City, where he ran a shop on Main street, where the Ideal Theater is now located. He was married to Elizabeth Howe, a native of Washington County, Pa., who died at the age of eighty-two years. Of their union were born the following children: Eliza, who married William Grable, both of whom are deceased; Anna, who married William Hartman, both deceased; John William; Margaret, who is the widow of John Frye; Maria, who married Aaron Reese; Clara, who is the wife of Amzi Eckles; Ella D., who is the wife of Harry McMasters; Robert L., the subject of this sketch; and Jennie, who married Lewis Stuler. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood were married fifty years before death entered the family, the former's death occurring at the age of seventy-four years.

Robert L. Elwood was quite young when the family removed to Monongahela City, where he was reared and attended the common schools, having been a member of the Kate Clemmons class of 1872. He early in life began working on the river boats, beginning as a deck hand on the "Clipper," which was owned by William Clark. He later entered the employ of Joseph Walton & Company, with whom he began as mate and was promoted

to captain. During his period of twenty-one years of service with that company he was presented with a token of appreciation by the independent coal dealers for having carried the largest amount of coal ever carried in six months on the Monongahela River, and he was at the same time presented with a miniature of his old boat, "Maggie," by the other employees of the Joseph Walton Company. During his thirty-two years spent on the river he was fortunate in not having sunk even the smallest amount of coal, which is a distinction that falls to the lot of but few sailors. In 1904, Mr. Elwood retired from the river, and the following year was elected mayor of Monongahela City on the Republican ticket, serving in that capacity for two terms, and during his second term was appointed alderman by the governor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Holland. At the expiration of his first term in that capacity, he was elected to that office and is still serving.

In 1904, Mr. Elwood and his son Robert embarked in the ice business at Monongahela City, and operate three wagons. He and his son have invented and obtained a patent Mar. 23, 1909, on a nut-and-bolt-lock, which will doubtless be used extensively in the construction of railroad structural iron work, the nut itself having a leveled face, which, when bolted to a surface of the same angle, makes slipping absolutely impossible.

Mr. Elwood was married Jan. 8, 1878, to Mary A. Furlong, who is a daughter of John Furlong, of Oil City, Pa., and they have four children: Seward, Elizabeth, Morley and Robert L., Jr. Mr. Elwood is fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F., B. P. O. E., Jr. O. U. A. M., and the Steamboat Protective Association, Harbor No. 25. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM COULSON, proprietor of the Central Hotel, a commodious, well equipped modern hostelry situated at Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa., was born in England, Sept. 6, 1869, and is a son of Eneas and Mary (Barnes) Coulson.

The parents of Mr. Coulson came to America in 1879. The father was a coal miner and found employment at Elco, formerly called Wood's Run, one mile up the river from Roscoe. Mr. Coulson worked as a miner until 1901, when he went into the hotel business and it was in his father's hotel at Donora that William Coulson obtained his training and experience in this line.

William Coulson started to work in the coal mines when he was 12 years old and knows all about the hardships and dangers of a miner's life, which he continued to face until 1902, when he began to assist his father. He came to Roscoe and took charge of the Central Hotel in September, 1908. This building was erected in 1897, but has been remodeled and the latest





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modern comforts and conveniences installed. It is a large, roomy structure, 40 apartments in all, 20 of these being comfortable sleeping chambers. It is of brick and the construction and is three stories in height. Its cuisine is unsurpassed and its charges of \$1.50 per day are very moderate.

Mr. Coulson married Miss Mary J. Gillie, a daughter of James Gillie, Sr., of Courtney, Washington County, and they have three children: Russell E., Isabel and Mary. In politics, Mr. Coulson is a Republican and was serving in his fourth year as a member of the Donora borough Council, when he resigned the office, on coming to Roscoe. He is identified with the order of Elks.

AMBROSE L. EAKIN, one of Washington's representative citizens, a member of the city Council from the Eighth Ward, has long been identified with the oil industry and is district superintendent of the South Pennsylvania Oil Company, with offices on the second floor of the W. T. Building. He was born in 1866, in Venango County, Pa., but from the age of 8 years until he came to Washington County, his home was in McKean County.

Mr. Eakin began to work in the oil fields when he was a boy and more or less has been connected with oil interests ever since. In 1886 he came to Washington, being then in the employ of the Union Oil Company and transferred to the Forrest Oil Company when that organization succeeded the Union, which, in turn was succeeded by the South Pennsylvania Oil Company. The territory over which Mr. Eakin has charge includes the business done in 234 wells. His long experience and thorough knowledge of details and conditions, both serve to make Mr. Eakin a valuable man for this responsible position. He takes an active interest in politics and for seven years has been a member of the Council.

Mr. Eakin was married at Bradford, Pa., in 1885, to Miss Carrie Belle Taylor, and they have had eight children, seven sons and one daughter, namely: Charles, who is in the employ of the South Pennsylvania Oil Company; Flossie, who resides at home; Glade, who is a resident of Spokane, Wash.; and Glenn, Leon, J. Shaw, Fred and Fay. Mr. and Mrs. Eakin attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, at Washington, and the Consistory at Pittsburgh. He is also a member of the order of Maccabees.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER HERRON, who is president of the Monongahela Trust Company, and senior member of Alexander & Company, bankers of Monongahela City, Pa., with which he has been associated since 1866, is

identified with various banking houses of Washington County. He was born October 16, 1847, in Monongahela City, Pa., and is a son of David and Eliza Alexander Herron.

David Herron, who was born in Kentucky, became a captain on the lower river and about 1844 came to Monongahela City. He married Eliza Alexander, and after the birth of their only child, the subject of this sketch, he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died in 1864, after which his widow returned with her son to Monongahela City, where she died in 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Joseph Alexander, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born April 1, 1795, a son of one of the pioneers of the Upper Monongahela Valley, who came here from Cecil County, Md., in 1763. Joseph Alexander first engaged in business in Monongahela in 1828 as a general trader, in a log house on Main street, and later engaged in the banking business, taking in his son, William J., as a partner in 1843. The business was carried on under the firm name of Joseph Alexander & Son, and continued under that name until 1850, when the present firm of Alexander & Company was organized. Joseph Alexander died June 20, 1871. James S. Alexander, one of the younger sons of Joseph Alexander, who was born August 28, 1828, became a member of the banking firm in about 1864, and a few years previous to his death, in 1904, he divided his interest between his two sons, William H. and Frederick K., who with Joseph A. Herron, constitute the present banking firm, Alexander & Company, of Monongahela City. William J. Alexander died June 8, 1894.

Joseph A. Herron spent part of his boyhood days in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the common schools, and after the death of his father, he and his mother returned to Monongahela City, Pa., and his education was completed at the Westchester Military Academy at Westchester, Pa. In 1866 he entered the bank of Alexander & Company as clerk, became a member of that firm in 1870, and after the death of his uncle, James Alexander, became senior member of the firm, of which he is the present head and active manager. The new building, which was erected in 1906, is a monument to the energy of the present firm. Mr. Herron is typical of the modern man of affairs, an indefatigable worker, with whom the affairs of Alexander & Company are ever foremost, but one who also finds time to do his part for civic betterment, and also devotes considerable time to his church and social duties. That he is a banker of a high order is shown by the fact that he is president of the Monongahela Trust Company; president of the Farmers' and Miners' Bank of Bentleyville; is a director of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank; the Farmers' Deposit Savings Bank of Pittsburgh; is a director of the

Reliance Life Insurance Company, and is also identified with various other business concerns of the county. Mr. Herron owns a valuable farm of 190 acres on Ginger Hill, and also his fine residence property which is located on Mende street. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and is president and one of the board of managers of the Monongahela Cemetery. He has held membership with the Presbyterian Church for many years, and is also a deacon. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the B. P. O. E., and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Herron was married October 25, 1877, to Mary Campbell, a daughter of William and Eliza (Shaw) Campbell, of Butler County, Pa., and of their union were born: William A.; D. Campbell, who married Julia Abrahams; Joseph A.; Donald James; John; Ethel; and Gertrude.

JAMES WESLEY GILLESPIE, one of Washington County's substantial citizens and solid, reliable men, resides on his farm of 60 acres which is situated in Cross Creek Township and also owns a farm of 150 acres, which lies in Jefferson Township. He was born in the latter township Nov. 7, 1863, and is a son of W. J. and Sarah E. (Gillespie) Gillespie. His parents were farming people and he was their eldest child, the other members of the family being as follows: John, Charles, Nannie, Minnie, Venia, Winnifred and Ella Nora.

James Wesley Gillespie obtained his education in the public schools of Jefferson Township which he attended during the winter sessions until he was about 20 years of age, after which he gave the larger part of his attention to farming and raising stock. Since 1906, as a side line, he has done considerable butchering and supplies meat to the miners in the coal works adjacent to his farm. In the management of his property, Mr. Gillespie has shown the industry, forethought and good management which is pretty sure to bring about success.

On Feb. 19, 1885, Mr. Gillespie was married to Miss Mary E. McBride, a daughter of James and Elizabeth McBride, of Cross Creek Township, and to them have been born the following children: Viola E., who married Albert Boles, of Eldersville; James A., who resides in Colorado; Ethel G., who is the wife of Frank Andrews, of West Newton, Pa., and they have a son, Leslie; William W. and Homer R., both of whom live at home. Mr. Gillespie is a broad-minded man and a believer in higher education and he has given his children excellent advantages, two of them being graduates of the High School at Eldersville. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been a lifelong Republican, but has always declined to serve in public office, although well qualified in every way to do so. He is an Odd

Fellow and has passed all the chairs in Lodge No. 805 at Eldersville.

W. E. McCURDY, one of Burgettstown's leading citizens and representative business men, conducting a large drug business as his main interest at present, was born at Eldersville, Washington Co., Pa., May 14, 1866, a son of Dr. J. K. and Elizabeth (Love) McCurdy.

W. E. McCurdy was educated in the schools of Clinton and Florence and then learned the drug business, spending two years in Gettysburg, two more years at Tarport, then a suburb of Bradford, and also some time in a suburb of Philadelphia. Since his marriage, in 1898, he has resided at Burgettstown, where he has become identified with business interests and public affairs. For 17 years he has been local manager of the Bell Telephone Company, in which he is also a stockholder; is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Burgetts town National Bank, and is proprietor of a drug store. He has taken an active part in advancing the various interests of the town and at present is serving on the Board of Health.

On Sept. 18, 1898, Mr. McCurdy was married to Miss Jennie L. McCorkle, a daughter of J. S. and Jennie L. McCorkle, and they have two children: Grace Elizabeth and John C. Mr. McCurdy is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown, in which he is an elder, and he is superintendent of the large and interested Sunday school. Mr. McCurdy is a Prohibitionist and an active worker in the cause of temperance. He has been treasurer of Fairview Cemetery for the past ten years, being a charter member of the association.

JOHN MILTON DAY, a representative citizen of South Franklin Township, where he successfully carries on a general line of agriculture, stock raising and sheep growing for wool, was born in Morris Township, Washington, Co., Pa., Aug. 26, 1847. His parents were J. Miller and Elizabeth (Hanna) Day. The family is so old and so important a one in this section that the records have been preserved away back through the grandfather, John Day, to Daniel Day and Samuel Day, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania.

George Day emigrated from England to Connecticut in the seventeenth century and thence removed to Newark, N. J. His descendants are quite numerous in that region. His son, Samuel Day, came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania about 1775 and took up land in Morris Township, Washington County, and here became a farmer and man of substance. He was the father of four sons: Daniel, Samuel, Joseph and Benjamin, and one daughter, Joanna.

Daniel Day continued to reside on the land which his father had secured, adding to its improvements and value thereby, and lived to advanced age, dying in 1811. He left six sons and three daughters: Calvin, William, John, Samuel, Stephen, Cephas, Abigail, Eleanor and Electa.

John Day, son of Daniel, succeeded his father and grandfather on the homestead and retained possession of all the land during his life. On Sept. 2, 1813, by Rev. C. Dodd, John Day was married to Sarah Miller, of Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., and they had eleven children born to them: Eliza, Mary, Sarah, J. Miller, Daniel, Harvey, Annie, Abigail, Cyrus, Jessie and Meribah. Of these, Eliza was the wife of George Wolf and lived at Ninevah, Greene Co., Pa. Mary was the wife of John Brownlee and lived in Franklin Township, Washington County. Sarah was the wife of Robert Baldwin and lived in Morris Township. Daniel was married (first) to Mary Bates and (second) to Etta Johns and resides at Canonsburg, Pa. Harvey was married (first) to Caroline McCollum and (second) to Mrs. Mary Harris, and moved to Lincoln, Neb. Annie was married (first) to Elias Conger, and (second) to Dr. Strauss, of Anity, Pa. Abigail married H. C. Swart, of Washington County, Pa. Cyrus died when aged 8 years, and Jessie and Meribah, twins, both died in infancy.

J. Miller Day, the fourth member of the above family and the father of John Milton Day, was a lifelong resident of Washington County and a large portion of this time was spent in Morris Township. He obtained elementary training in the early subscription schools, these often being held in abandoned log dwellings and fortunately one was situated near the Day homestead. His advantages were equal to those enjoyed by his associates and he, like many others, grew in wisdom as years were added to them. Much of the surrounding country at that time was practically unsettled, although much advance had been made from the time when the first member of the Day family penetrated into the wilderness. When Samuel Day first took up his tract of virgin land, an old fort stood in the southeastern part of Franklin Township and aged survivors would often relate to the younger generation of Days the fearsome adventures and terrifying experiences of early life on that border. Frequently the mothers would have to hasten with their little children clinging to them and take shelter within this fort when there were indications of visits from the Indians, who, in that section were savage at that time. The old fort no longer exists, but doubtless many a romance has been written around it. Among the first settlers to exert a real civilizing influence, the Days without doubt were the foremost, the men of this family being industrious, energetic and

enterprising and the women, courageous and frugal. Evidence was given by the rapid clearing of their lands, the erection of substantial buildings, the gathering of flocks and herds and the establishing of well ordered households. These characteristics of the Days continue into the present generation.

The death of J. Miller Day occurred in 1903, after a long and useful life. Politically he was a Democrat and on several occasions was elected to the office of justice of the peace and from 1866 until 1869, he served the county as a director of the poor. For many years his presence and support were given to the Upper Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church, in which he held the office of deacon for a protracted period.

On Jan. 19, 1843, J. Miller Day was married to Miss Elizabeth Hanna, a daughter of John V. Hanna, of Morris Township, Washington County, and to this union seven children were born, namely: Martha Maria, who became the wife of John N. Weir, of Franklin Township; Sarah Ann, who died in 1848; John Milton; Elsie Jane, who married William Ashbrook, of East Finley Township; George Hamilton, who died in 1854; Hugh Allison, who married Annie Andrews, and Mary Elizabeth, who married Allen J. Mowl, of West Bethlehem Township. The mother of the above family died in 1872 and was interred in the cemetery at Prosperity. J. Miller Day was married two years later to Mrs. Mary (Wise) McKenna.

John Milton Day attended the schools which are now situated in South Franklin Township and afterward turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as his father before him. His exceptionally fine farm of 163 acres he took possession of in 1874. He has long been numbered with the successful stock raisers and wool growers of this part of the county, worthily upholding the Day name as leading agriculturists and stockmen in Washington County.

On Oct. 12, 1871, John M. Day was married to Miss Margaret Weir, who was born in South Franklin Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a daughter of the late Joseph Weir, who once was a prominent and substantial farmer of this section. To Mr. and Mrs. Day two children were born, Elizabeth H. and Lenora P., the latter of whom is now deceased. The former is the wife of L. T. Yonng, who is engaged in farming in South Franklin Township, and they have three children, namely: Margaret L., Helen M. and John D. Mr. Day and family are members of the old Upper Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church, to which the Day family has given both moral and material support for so many years. In this body Mr. Day is serving as one of the elders of the church. Mr. Day was reared in the Democratic party and has always continued his nominal allegiance to the same, but he has independent proclivities and frequently,

in local affairs has cast his vote in favor of the candidate who, in his judgment, seems best qualified. He has never been a seeker for office, but has frequently been selected by his fellow citizens for responsible township positions and he has served at different times as assessor, as constable and also as township collector.

MAJ. WILLIAM WORKMAN, who was for many years one of the most prominent men in Washington County, Pa., was identified with both public and political life and held many offices of trust and honor. He was born in Washington, Pa., Mar. 26, 1818, and died here Jan. 2, 1901, and was a son of Gen. Samuel Workman and a grandson of Hugh Workman.

The Workman family was established in this country by four brothers, who came from County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1777, and James and Hugh located in Washington County, Pa., just east of the borough of Washington. Hugh and James Workman were both soldiers in the Revolutionary War and were members of Col. William Crawford's expedition against Sandusky in 1792. They were both members of the same company when the army on its outward march left the Mingo Bottom, but when Col. Crawford selected his light horse cavalry, Hugh joined it, and James remained in the ranks of the mounted infantry. Hugh Workman married Peggy Bryson and soon after the town of Washington was laid out purchased property on South Main street, where he continued his residence until his death, Nov. 20, 1843, at the age of 84 years.

Gen. Samuel Workman, a son of Hugh Workman, was born Jan. 11, 1793, in Washington, and was one of Washington County's most prominent citizens. He married Nancy McCamnant, a daughter of William McCamnant, who kept a tavern at the sign of the "Cross Keys" on the corner of Main and Wheeling streets. Gen. Workman was editor of the Washington "Reporter" from 1819 until 1821, and during that time showed that he was a fearless and effective writer. Upon leaving journalistic work he entered the militia and rose through the various ranks to Brig-General. On Aug. 11, 1821, he was appointed county treasurer by the commissioners, was reappointed the two succeeding years, and at the October election in 1823 was chosen sheriff, and being commissioned on the 25th of that same month, he resigned the treasurership. He was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1827, re-elected in 1828 and 1829, and on May 11, 1830, Gov. Wolf appointed him secretary of the land office, to which he was reappointed in 1833, and served in that capacity until May 10, 1836. He was appointed postmaster of Washington on Mar. 23, 1839, and served until Dec. 24, 1840, and on Jan. 4, 1841, was again appointed treasurer of the county. His death occurred Mar. 31,

1841, after having figured prominently and creditably in county and state politics, and was at all times held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

Maj. William Workman practically spent his entire life in Washington and vicinity, but during his early manhood went to Iowa with the intention of locating there, and not liking the outlook returned to Washington and bought the old Workman homestead, where he lived until the time of his death. Although not strong physically, he was a man of great energy and indomitable will. His education was obtained in private schools and at the Washington College, and he acquired a thorough training in business affairs, which well fitted him for the many offices of trust and honor which he held in later life. He early became interested in local politics, and was the recognized leader of the Democratic party, a position which he held for many years after the average man tires of the strife and contention of political wrangling and gives way to younger men. He was many times chairman of the Democratic County convention and always discharged the trust thus reposed in him with zeal and fidelity. During his younger days he was twice his party's candidate for county office, and was elected county treasurer in 1841, and in 1845 was elected to the office of register. He was afterward chosen one of the jury commissioners of the county, and it is said, that Maj. Workman had the honor of being the first county treasurer after that office was made elective, and to have been with Hon. J. R. McLain, of Claysville, the first jury commissioners chosen in the county. He was the first county officer to occupy a room in the court house which was taken down in 1898. Few men in the county have done so much business as he in the settlement of estates. He was called upon to draw deeds, write wills, and legal papers of various kinds, and managed and settled many estates, and was thus engaged down to the day when stricken with his fatal illness. He was a friend to the poor and unfortunate and hundreds of cases could be cited where he befriended individuals and families, not only with kind words and advice, but with substantial aid. There are many such in Washington County who will long cherish his memory. As a citizen he was enterprising and liberal in the matter of improvements that commended themselves to his judgment. This is well illustrated in his subscriptions and donations toward the building of railroads and the betterment of county roads. He was one of the prime movers in the construction of the Upper Ten-Mile plank road and he did much toward having the B. & O. R. R. built through the county. He was the trustee appointed by the United States Courts to advertise and sell the old Hempfield road and the purchase of it by the B. & O. R. R. was brought about largely through his influence with the B. & O. directors.

At the time of his death and for many years previous he was a director in the Wheeling branch of the B. & O. R. R., and at the annual meetings of the stockholders of his company was always chosen as presiding officer. In his home Mr. Workman was the typical old-fashioned gentleman, always taking the greatest pleasure in having his friends come and partake of his hospitality.

On Jan. 11, 1853, Maj. Workman was joined in marriage with Mary Jones, a daughter of Charles E. and Susan (Judson) Jones, the former a cabinet-maker and general contractor. She was born in England and when a babe in arms came with her parents to this country. She was one of ten children born to her parents, of whom but four are living: Mrs. Workman; Jane E., who resides on West Wheeling street, Washington, Pa., married William H. Taylor, and is the mother of Hon. J. F. Taylor, Common Pleas Judge of Washington County; Rev. Sylvester F. Jones, D. D., of Washington, D. C., and George O. Jones, a prominent attorney of Washington, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Workman had three children born to them; Samuel, who resides in Washington, Pa.; and Annie and Ida, who with their mother live at the old Workman homestead at No. 645 E. Maiden street, Washington, this property having been in the possession of the Workman family for over a century.

WILLIAM SIMPSON THROCKMORTON, M. D., of Canonsburg, was born in Franklin Township, Greene County, Pa., three miles west of Waynesburg, and is a son of Morford and Nancy (Simpson) Throckmorton.

The genealogy of the Throckmortons can be traced from 1130 A. D. to 1909. From England and the north of Ireland came the ancestors of Dr. Throckmorton and America has had a number of the name, in both its original and its abbreviated spelling, that have brought distinction upon the family, their sections and themselves. Mention may be made of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, as well as of the late Gov. Morton, of Indiana, and others equally noted. Both grandparents on the maternal side were converted to Methodism under the preaching of John Wesley himself and the paternal grandfather, Job Throckmorton, was a convert to the same faith. He was one of its pioneers in the vicinity of Monmouth, N. J., where he purchased land and built an early Methodist chapel and on many occasions entertained Bishop Asbury, the celebrated divine of that religious body. The children born to Job Throckmorton and his wife, Martha, were as follows: Joseph, who died in Greene County, Pa., aged 96 years and six months; James, who lived also to be 96 years old, dying in Greene County; Job, who lived and died in New Jersey; Morford, father of Dr. Throckmorton; Barnes, who died at the age of 45 years, in

New Jersey; Archibald, who died, aged 83 years, in Ohio; Mary Jane, who was the wife of Rev. Eliphalet Reed, died at Mt. Joy, Pa., aged about 80 years; and Eunice, who was the wife of James Barklow, died in New Jersey, when aged about 80 years. The old New Jersey home of the Throckmorton family was at Freehold, a village situated within three miles of the battlefield of Monmouth.

Morford Throckmorton, father of Dr. Throckmorton, was born in the old family home near Monmouth, N. J., and remained there until he reached manhood, when he moved to Greene County, Pa., where he was subsequently married to Nancy Simpson, who was one of a large family born to John Simpson and wife, who were early settlers in Greene County. To this marriage were born the following children: Lucy, who died young; Samuel, who married Nancy Reese and was killed by lightning, when aged 66 years; Morford, who died near Chariton, in Lucas County, Iowa, married a Miss Elder; John, who died in Lucas County, Iowa, when aged near 80 years, married Nancy Lazear; Margaret, who married Caleb Grimes, died in Greene County, at the age of 71 years; Alice, who is the wife of Jesse Lazear, resides in Greene County, Pa.; Rebecca, who married Dr. James Guiber, of Waynesburg, died in 1908, aged 71 years; Sarah, who died at Afton, Iowa, aged 60 years, was the wife of Joseph Milligan; William Simpson, of Canonsburg; Eliphalet Reed, who resides near Waynesburg, married Samantha Hill; Caroline, who is the widow of George Waddell, resides at Waynesburg; and Agnes, who died when aged 6 years. The father of the above family survived to be 92 years of age. The mother died when aged 67 years.

William Simpson Throckmorton was reared and received his primary and preparatory education in Greene County and later entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1865. He immediately located at Nineveh, Greene County, Pa., and there he remained for 42 years, during all that period engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1907, Dr. Throckmorton came to Canonsburg and entered into practice with his son, who had previously been associated with him for two and one-half years at Nineveh. In 1866, Dr. Throckmorton was married to Miss Caroline Hill, a daughter of Jesse and Maria (Hoskinson) Hill, and they have four children: Jessie, Charles B., William and Morford. The only daughter is the wife of Dr. T. R. Kerr, of Oakmont, Pa., and they have a daughter, Virginia. Charles B. Throckmorton has been a resident of Canonsburg for ten years and enjoys a large and substantial medical practice. From the schools of Greene County he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he subsequently graduated, spent one term at Jefferson Medical College, graduated

in medicine at the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburg and took a post graduate course on the eye, ear and throat, at Philadelphia. He married Miss Mary Donaldson and they have two children: William D. and Caroline. He and his father are now associated in practice and have well appointed offices in the Gowers Building, at Canonsburg. William Throckmorton is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University and of the Pittsburg Dental College and for nine years has been engaged in practice, located at Vernon, Pa. Morford Throckmorton, the youngest son, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and of the Philadelphia Dental College and is located in practice at Beaver, Pa.

Dr. Throckmorton has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a delegate to the recent general conference held at Baltimore, Md. In association with his wife, he erected the little church at Nineveh, which they attended and supported for 30 years. It now has a membership of 150 individuals. He was married (second) to Miss Lydia Smith, of Urbana, Ohio, July 6, 1909, and their pleasant home is at No. 159 West College street, Canonsburg.

W. G. SHILLITO, who has long been prominently identified with Republican politics in Washington County and served most acceptably as a county commissioner from 1897 until 1903, owns a valuable farm of 100 acres, which is situated in Smith Township. He was born at Bavington, Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 26, 1850, and is a son of Samuel B. and Margaret (Galbraith) Shillito.

Samuel B. Shillito, also a native of Washington County, was born in Hanover Township, Sept. 15, 1826, and died Dec. 16, 1855. For some years he engaged in business as a general merchant and also followed farming in Smith Township. He married Margaret Galbraith, daughter of William Galbraith, and they had two children: Jane Isabella, who is the wife of J. S. Easton; and W. G. The widow survived many years, her death occurring Sept. 15, 1906, at the age of 83 years and both she and husband rest in Fairview Cemetery, the remains of the latter having been removed from its first place of burial which was the United Presbyterian Cemetery. Samuel B. Shillito and wife were both members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder at the time of death.

W. G. Shillito secured his education in the public schools of Smith Township, after which he engaged in farming and continued in agricultural pursuits until 1897. In that year he was elected county commissioner, the family remaining on the farm during his term of office. His farm is probably one of the best improved and most valuable in the township, both coal and oil deposits having been found in paying quantities.

Mr. Shillito was married Mar. 21, 1872, to Miss Rebecca H. Provines, a daughter of James and Mary Provines, and to this marriage have been born the following children: Margaret Belle, who died Jan. 14, 1894; James P., who married Carrie Parks, a daughter of M. R. and Rowena Parks, and they have one daughter, Rowena; and Samuel Reed, who has been engaged in the oil business for the firm of Kelly Bros. & Cooper since 1903. Samuel Reed Shillito married Cassie Scott, a daughter of A. J. Scott. Mr. Shillito and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Burgettstown National Bank. Fraternally he is an Elk. Mr. Shillito has been and still is one of the county's representative men.

WILLIAM E. ROSS, owner of a tract of 90 acres in Washington and Allegheny Counties, is one of the leading farmers of Robeson Township. He was born Aug. 30, 1855, in Peters Township, Washington County, Pa., a son of James and Sarah (Mouck) Ross, who were well known farmers of that township. They reared a family of six children: John, William, Mary, deceased; Adeline, deceased; Lewis and George. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Ross, and the maternal grandfather was John Mouck.

William E. Ross was reared in Peters Township, where he attended the district schools several months each winter until about 17 years of age, and since that time has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, having purchased his present farm in March, 1896, from the Kraer heirs. There are 30 acres of the farm in Robeson Township, and the remaining 60 acres are located in Allegheny County. Mr. Ross has remodeled the former dwelling into a fine modern residence, and has also erected a fine new bank barn.

In October, 1885, Mr. Ross married Anna F. Woods, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah J. (McCully) Woods, and a granddaughter of Thomas McCully and Rev. William Woods, the latter of whom was a Presbyterian minister. Joseph Woods was first married to Abigail Hanna, which union resulted in the birth of the following children: Martha J., who is the wife of William Donaldson; Martin; Elizabeth, who married Robert Ferree; and Sarah Harriet, who is the wife of J. W. Stewart. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Woods married Sarah McCully and to them were born: William Franklin and Anna F., the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have one daughter, Sarah L., who graduated from the Robeson Township High School in May, 1908. She is now taking a course in music. Mr. Ross is a Republican in politics, and the family attend the First Presbyterian Church of McDonald.

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WILLIAM L. GILMORE



WILLIAM LARMER GILMORE, the owner of a seventy-five-acre farm of well cultivated land, situated in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., about three miles east of Finleyville, is a well known and highly respected citizen of this section. He was born on his father's farm in Allegheny County, Pa., January 17, 1857, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Lyttle) Gilmore.

Benjamin Gilmore was born in Allegheny County, Pa., and lived within four miles of his birthplace all his entire life of fifty-two years. He was left fatherless in boyhood and was bound out to a stranger, but grew into a reliable, honorable and industrious man. He acquired a farm in Allegheny County, but was able to provide only sparingly for his family, it being an unusually large one. He married Mary Ann Lyttle, a daughter of Abram Lyttle, a well-known resident of Allegheny County. She lived to the age of sixty-three years. There were fourteen children born to this marriage, namely: Rachel, who died young; Fannie, deceased, who was the wife of W. K. Hobson; Malissa Jane, who married Robert Bickerton; Minerva, who is the widow of Samuel Adams; William Larmer; Sarah, who is the wife of Samuel Lane; Amanda, who is the wife of John Adams; Anna, who married Dr. C. T. Biddle; Benjamin, who died when aged twenty-one years; Martha A., who married H. H. Heath; George B.; John and Jonathan, both of whom died young; and Margaret, who is the wife of Archibald Lawson.

William Larmer Gilmore was afforded no educational opportunities in his youth and he has gained his education entirely through his own efforts. From early boyhood he labored on the home farm and remained there until his own marriage. His main business has always been farming, but since purchasing his present property from J. P. Beatty, he has also engaged in dairying and during the winter seasons follows butchering. The old stone dwelling on his farm is one of the landmarks of the township and was probably built in 1833. While his early training on the farm was severe, it later proved to be of value to him when he went into business for himself and he is numbered with the careful and successful agriculturists of the township.

On August 17, 1879, Mr. Gilmore was married to Miss Sarah J. Coulter, a daughter of William and Forbes (Stockdale) Coulter. She was born at Monongahela City, Pa., where her parents were well known. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore: George G., who married Katherine Findley, from Sutersville, Pa.; Carrie, who is a graduate of the Normal School at California, is a school teacher; Mary A.; twin babes that died at birth; Sarah, who died young; and Benjamin H., who is a student in the High School at Monongahela City. Mr. Gilmore is a Republi-

can and he has served one term as road supervisor. He is identified with the lodge of Odd Fellows at Shire Oaks. The family belongs to the M. E. Church.

ALEXANDER GASTON, who is one of Washington's most respected citizens is a retired farmer and capitalist and lives in his comfortable residence, which is situated at No. 706 North Main street. Mr. Gaston was born in Ireland, in 1835, and was only five months old when his parents brought him to America. They were James and Jane (Luke) Gaston.

The parents of Mr. Gaston settled near Canonsburg and there the father followed farming and lived a quiet agricultural life until his death. His children bore the following names: James, who lives in Missouri; Rachel, who is the wife of John McCoy, of Kansas; Maria J., who is the wife of J. P. Weaver, of Canonsburg; John W. and Alexander, both of whom reside at Washington; and Rosa, who is deceased.

Alexander Gaston was reared on the home farm and went to school in the neighborhood and later became a farmer and stock raiser on his own responsibility. He devoted many years to these industries and met with more than the usual amount of success. In 1906 he came to Washington, retiring then from active labor, but he still retains a farm of eighty acres in Mt. Pleasant Township. He was a leading citizen of his township and acceptably filled many of the township offices.

On September 23, 1857, Mr. Gaston was married to Miss Mary A. Wilson, whose father was born in Ireland and was six years old when his parents brought him to America. His name was John Wilson and he married Margaret Wilson and they were well known residents of Mt. Pleasant Township. They had three children: Mrs. Gaston; Elizabeth, who is now deceased; and Martha J., who is the widow of Thomas Strouthers and lives at Canonsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Gaston have been members of the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church for fifty-two years and he served twenty-six years as an elder.

He is the only member of the Session now living who belonged to that body at the time he was elected and there are not more than two church members yet surviving of all the earnest little body of church workers of a half century ago, who, with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston united their efforts to make that organization a religious center. Mr. Gaston has been clerk of the Session for twenty-two years. As he looks around for his old co-laborers, it seems to him as if there has appeared an entirely new congregation. This may be true, but his efforts for the church are not forgotten, and the church history tells the tale to the younger congregation of how much it is indebted to the faith and earnest efforts of the older one for the spiritual opportunities now enjoyed.

JAMES L. HENDERSON, treasurer and general manager of the Home Dressed Beef Company, at Washington, Pa., is identified with other important business enterprises and is a thoroughly representative business citizen. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1844, and is a son of Joseph and a grandson of William Henderson.

The Hendersons came from Eastern Pennsylvania to its western borders, in pioneer days. Joseph Henderson, father of James L., was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, June 3, 1817, and survived until 1901. For years he was prominent in the affairs of his township and was one of its best known and respected citizens.

Almost before he was well grounded in his studies in the public schools, James L. Henderson was called upon to assume a man's duties and responsibilities. In August, 1861, when he was but five months beyond his 17th birthday, he enrolled as a soldier in the Federal service, first becoming a member of the 1st West Va. Cav., but later was transferred to the 5th U. S. Cav., in which he served until his honorable discharge in September, 1864. He participated in many of the great raids through the Shenandoah Valley and served under Generals Sheridan, Shields and Burnside. After he returned to a peaceful life, he took a course in Duff's business College and subsequently turned his attention to the breeding of fine stock. He was one of the first to introduce Holstein cattle into Washington County, in 1878, and two years earlier had brought in Berkshire swine and also founded the Dorset and Cotswold sheep industry in this section. He continued his stock farm until some few years since, when, with other capitalists, he incorporated the Home Dressed Beef Company, the business being wholesale. He is interested also in the United Capitol Paint Company and is also in the coal business in West Virginia.

In 1865, Mr. Henderson was married (first) to Miss Jennie Shaw, who was survived by five children, namely: Joseph B., who resides in Washington County, near Burgetstown; Frank S., who is connected with a business house in Pittsburg, but maintains his home at Washington; Sarah R.; and James L., Jr., and Ernest G., both of whom are in the oil business in Illinois. Mr. Henderson was married (second) to Mary A. Daugherty. He is a member of the Session of the 3rd United Presbyterian Church and is superintendent of the Sabbath school. Mr. Henderson is identified with the W. F. Templeton Post, G. A. R.

ALFRED WATSON, the leading and oldest jeweler, also one of the progressive business men of Monongahela City, Pa., was born Sept. 20, 1861, in Yorkshire,

England, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Woodhead) Watson, both of whom were members of very old families who resided in Colton for many generations. They were born and died in Yorkshire, near Leeds, England. He is one of four children born to his parents, namely: Hannah, William, Walter and Alfred, the subject of this sketch.

Alfred Watson was reared and educated in Yorkshire, England. He graduated from the Secroft School, in 1876, and he later was in the employ of the North Eastern Railroad Company. In 1881, he came to America and located at Monongahela City, Pa., where for several years he was an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1898, he engaged in the jewelry business at the corner of Second and Main Streets, where he has since remained and greatly prospered. Mr. Watson owns a business block at No. 164 Main Street, and also other real estate in Monongahela City.

In 1880, Mr. Watson was married in England to Pauline M. H. Harrison, and they have one daughter, Maude H., who is the wife of Frank P. Keller, the leading architect of Monongahela City. In politics, he is a Republican, and fraternally is a member of the B. of L. F. and E., the Royal Arcanum, and a charter member of the B. P. O. E., No. 455, at Monongahela City. Mr. Watson resides at Waverly Cottage, No. 101 Chess Street. He is a vestryman and treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Monongahela City.

JOSEPH D. HORNBAKE, justice of the peace, at California, Pa., was born in this borough May 11, 1866, and has always lived in the residence he now occupies, the old family home. His parents were Jacob and Rhoda (Wilgus) Hornbake.

Jacob Hornbake was born at Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pa., but later lived at Coal Center, on Maple Creek, in Washington County. When 15 years of age he learned the cabinetmaking trade with Rev. Samuel Rockwell, and also learned ship carpentering and worked at the latter until 1904, coming to California after his honorable period of service in the Civil War. He enlisted with the expectation of going out in a Pennsylvania regiment but the Pennsylvania quota was already full, therefore he became a member of Co. I, 2nd West Va. Inf., later the 5th West Va. Cav., in which his rank was that of sergeant. He was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run. He was married at Brownsville, Pa., but started to housekeeping at California and worked in the ship yard at this point. His wife was a daughter of a somewhat noted man, John Wilgus, who was a very competent geographer and typographer and succeeded in laying out what was accepted as the most convenient railroad route between the eastern states and California.



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Three children were born to the above marriage: Joseph D., Mary and Nannie. The latter married Jesse Hornbake, a miller, residing at Frederickstown.

Joseph D. Hornbake was educated in the excellent schools of his native place and was graduated from the State Normal School in 1885. For several terms afterward he taught school in Allen Township and then went to work in the ship yard and continued until 1904. He has been interested in politics since attaining manhood and has been a zealous worker with the Republican party. In February, 1899, he was first elected to the office of justice of the peace in which he is serving his third term, giving entire satisfaction in this office to all concerned.

JOHN C. FULTON, a representative business man of Burgettstown, Pa., doing a large grain, flour and feed trade under the name of John C. Fulton & Co., was born at Burgettstown on June 22, 1847. His parents were John J. and Margaret (Canon) Fulton.

John J. Fulton was born near Hickory, his father residing at that time on a farm on the Washington and Burgettstown road. John J. became a farmer also and continued to cultivate his own land until within a few years of his death, moving into Burgettstown when he retired. He married Margaret Canon, a daughter of John Canon, and they reared seven children, all of whom survive.

John C. Fulton was educated in the Burgettstown schools and began his business career by dealing in lumber, grain and feed. He subsequently closed out his interests and spent two years railroading and then returned to Burgettstown and for several years operated a butcher shop. Mr. Fulton then built two large warehouses and re-entered the grain business and has a number of other important financial interests. He is vice president of the Burgettstown National Bank and a leading stockholder, and is also an oil producer.

On Sept. 17, 1885, Mr. Fulton was married to Miss Emma V. Figley, a daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Figley, and they have two children: B. B. and Walter N. The elder son married Bertha Karns and they have three children: Thelma N., Helen M. and John D. The younger son married Katherine V. Cook. Mr. Fulton and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

HARRY A. JONES, of the law firm of Birch & Jones, at Washington, Pa., and a practitioner in all the State and Federal Courts, is a representative citizen and a member of one of the old pioneer families of Washington County. He was born June 9, 1873, near Monongahela City, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of the late Isaac W. Jones.

The family of which Mr. Jones is a worthy representative was established in Washington County by his great-

grandfather and both his grandfather, Elijah Jones, and his father, Isaac W. Jones, were born in this county, the latter in 1836. For many years he was one of the most extensive dealers in wool in this section, and was a man of sterling character. His death occurred in 1901.

Harry A. Jones was about six years old when his parents came to Washington borough and he was graduated from the public schools in 1889, ranking first in his class; following which he became a student in Washington and Jefferson College, where he was equally brilliant and graduated as first honor man in 1895, and two years later received his diploma from the Pittsburg Law School. In 1897 he was admitted to the bar of Allegheny County and became a member of the law firm of McIlvaine, Murphy & Jones, at Pittsburg, where he remained until 1909, when he entered into practice at Washington, having been admitted to the Washington County bar in 1898. On May 1, 1909, he entered into partnership with T. F. Birch, the firm style becoming Birch & Jones. Mr. Jones is interested in the Washington Ice Company and is one of the board of directors.

In 1906, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Ruth Crawford, a daughter of W. F. Crawford, who is in the drug business at Williamsport, Pa., and they have one child, Katherine Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington, in which Mr. Jones has been organist since 1891. He is a Knight Templar Mason.

JAMES D. CAMPSEY, one of Claysville's prominent business and public men, who served three years as Burgess of the borough and in other offices and for many years has been engaged here in the mercantile line, was born in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of James and Isabella (Dougherty) Campsey.

Mr. Campsey bears the family name of James, the same borne by his father and grandfather, the latter of whom was born in County Donegal, Ireland. In very early days he emigrated to the United States, and for a time was located east of the mountains of Pennsylvania. In 1801 he settled in what was then a wild region but is now a richly cultivated portion of Washington County, attracted thither possibly because it bore the old home name of Donegal. Perchance he had something to do with the naming of the township. There he lived for many years, overcame pioneer conditions, acquired lands and stock and in the course of nature passed away and was succeeded by his son, James Campsey. The latter's life was an agricultural one but he was also interested in public matters and gave support to both schools and religion. He was a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church in Donegal Township. In early years a Whig, he later identified himself with the Republican party. His death occurred in 1884.

James D. Campsey obtained a public school education in Donegal Township and engaged there in agricultural pursuits until he removed to Claysville. He has been one of the most active and useful men of the borough. He has served here in important offices and prior to this was road supervisor in Donegal Township, and has served also as a justice of the peace. He is a stockholder in the Claysville Cemetery Association and was one of the incorporators, and is a director in the Claysville National Bank. In politics he is a Republican and he served one year through election by that party as street commissioner of the borough.

Mr. Campsey was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Moore, a daughter of John and Ann E. (Anderson) Moore, of Donegal Township, and they have one surviving son, Harry O. He is a well known dealer in furniture at Claysville and also is an undertaker. He married Adda Knapp and they have four children: Myrtle, Harry O., James and David G. Mrs. Maggie (Moore) Campsey died in November, 1897. She was a woman of many lovely traits of character and was much beloved. For many years she had been a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES MILTON McWILLIAMS, a life-long citizen of Canonsburg, Pa., belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Washington County. He was born in this city when it was but a village, August 3, 1854, and is a son of James Milton and Lydia (McCoy) McWilliams.

Both parents of Mr. McWilliams were born in Chartiers Township, Washington County and both died at Canonsburg, the father in 1894, in his eighty-first year, and the mother in July, 1907, in her eighty-sixth year. There were twelve children born to these worthy people, both of whom lived at peace with the world through long and blameless lives. They reared a most creditable family and their descendants are scattered all through Washington County. John W., the eldest son, was a soldier in the signal service during the Civil War and died January 21, 1907. He married (first) Enma Clark, daughter of Dr. Clark, of Washington, and (second) Louise Walker, who survives and resides at Cottonwood Falls, Kas. William McWilliams, the second son, was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Res. He never married and died at Canonsburg, December 25, 1908. George and an infant daughter both died in childhood. Mary, who is the widow of John Cook, resides at Canonsburg. George (2) follows the trade of stone contracting, has never married, and lives at Canonsburg. Lydia, who is deceased, was the wife of John Stewart. James Milton was next in order of birth. Addison resides at Canonsburg, where he is engaged in business as a brick and stone mason. He married Addie Cowan. Samuel is identified with the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pitts-

burg. He married Ella Roberts, who is now deceased. Hattie and Nettie, the youngest members of the family, both reside at Canonsburg. The father owned a small farm near Canonsburg and also worked at his trade of wagonmaker.

James Milton McWilliams attended the schools near his home in his boyhood but in 1873 became an apprentice to the stone and bricklaying trade and after acquiring a complete knowledge of the same started into business and has continued in the same line until the present, apparently being as active as years ago. His thorough knowledge and his honest methods of applying it long since brought him the confidence and custom of his fellow citizens and he has done a large amount of important work in this city and vicinity. He did a part of the building on his own commodious residence at No. 131 West College street.

On October 2, 1884, Mr. McWilliams was married to Miss Nora Ayers, a daughter of Hiram and Mary Ann Ayers, of Pittsburg, and they have three children: Grace, who is a successful teacher at Meadowlands; John, who is in the employ of the Riter-Conley Manufacturing Co., of Pittsburg; and Frank, who is a student at Canonsburg. Mr. McWilliams was reared in the Democratic party but he is independent in his views and as he never asks any party favors, he votes as his judgment dictates. For many years he has been identified with Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, F. & A. M., of Canonsburg.

OLIVER COLLINS POLLOCK, better known in Washington County, Pa., as O. C. C. Pollock, has been engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture in North Strabane Township since April, 1881, but prior to that had had a career which included some years of military adventure, a chronicle of which is interesting in the extreme. He is a representative of one of the old and honorable families of the county and enjoys a wide acquaintance, extending to every part of it. He was born in North Strabane Township, October 15, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Esther (McNary) Pollock.

The early ancestors of Mr. Pollock came to America from Scotland in 1736 and into Washington County, Pa., previous to the War of the Revolution. Their names are preserved as Samuel and Jane Pollock. Samuel Pollock patented a tract of land in the present limits of North Strabane Township, near Clokeville, the same being now owned by his great-grandson, W. T. Pollock. Samuel Pollock had three sons: John, Samuel and William, all of whom were prominent factors in the development of Washington County and in many ways connected with its early history.

Of the above sons, William Pollock was the direct ancestor of Oliver Collins Pollock. He married Jane McNary and resided all his life in North Strabane Town-



OLIVER C. POLLOCK

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ship, Washington County. In early days he operated an ox-mill, which had been erected by John Calhoun, and to this mill came settlers with their grain from many miles around.

Samuel Pollock, a son of William and father of Oliver C., was a farmer and manufacturer and resided for many years at Canonsburg. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Republican party in Washington County and was foremost in all local enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Oak Spring Cemetery Association and was the main support of a female seminary in Canonsburg, known as "Olome Institute" for several years. This seminary occupied the site of the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg, which was first known as the David Templeton property.

Oliver C. C. Pollock in early manhood added an additional initial to his name, on account of having a brother with initials of A. C. residing at the same time at Canonsburg, and retained the initial after the death of the brother. He was taken to Canonsburg by his parents, in 1857, and as he grew older, attended the public schools. In 1868 and 1869 he was a student at Dixon and Dunbar's Academy, which is now known as Jefferson Academy, and in 1871 and 1872, at Washington and Jefferson College, going from there to Westminster College, where he spent two years and graduated from the latter institution in the class of 1874. In the fall of that year he entered the United Presbyterian Seminary, at Allegheny, where he pursued his studies until the late fall of 1875. At this time the discovery of gold in the Black Hills was made known to the country and young men from all points in the East were attracted thither, some with the hope of securing fortune and others in the spirit of adventure which, at various times, has been the secret of discoveries frequently attributed to scientific research.

Among the young men, many of them students whose lives prior to this, like Mr. Pollock's had been mainly spent in academic halls, he resolved to visit the Black Hills. His proposal did not meet with the approbation of his father, and in order to get transportation to the supposed treasure land he enlisted under the name of Ira E. Douglass as a soldier in the mounted service, at the recruiting station at Pittsburg, on November 20, 1875, and was transferred from Pittsburg to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and from there in January, 1876, to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., and assigned to Co. M. 3rd U. S. Cav., and the young soldier took part in the winter campaign against the Sioux Indians, under General Crook. Leaving this fort on February 20, 1876, the command attacked Crazy Horse village, at the mouth of Otter Creek, in North Dakota on March 16, 1876, after making a forced march of twenty-four hours, with the thermometer registering forty-five degrees below zero. The command did not get back to Fort Fetterman, from which place

they were out twenty-six days, and the average temperature was twenty-six below zero, until March 29th. This was a rough experience for the prospective young gold miner and soldier of fortune, but it was only a beginning of experiences he had scarcely conceived of previously. In June, 1876, his command participated in the summer campaign against Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull's bands of Sioux Indians, the memorable campaign in which the brave Gen. Custer lost his life. In May, 1876, Gen. Crook's command left Fort Russell and on the 17th of June engaged in a running fight with 3,300 Sioux on Rosebud River and were within three miles of the death trap at the mouth of Dead Man's Canyon, in Montana, and were only saved from Custer's fate through the sagacity of Frank Guiard, a half-breed scout, who was with the party. Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and Texas Jack, all notable scouts, were also with this command. The fight on June 17, 1876, was practically a draw. Gen. Crook was obliged to return fifty miles to his supply station for ammunition, and the Custer disaster followed within a few days. On August 5, 1876, Gen. Crook left the supply camp with his troops to avenge Gen. Custer. They trailed the Indians through the Yellow Stone and Powder River valleys, and on the 29th reached the edge of the Bad Lands. For ten days the command was lost here, having missed the trail, but on September 9th, American Horse's village was located and destroyed as was another Indian village eight days later, and in this fight Wild Bill lost his life. The command finally landed in the Black Hills, October 5, 1876, after much hardship on account of the supplies having run out, the men having to subsist on rosebuds and horse flesh. This experience in the Black Hills and Bad Lands completely cured Mr. Pollock of his attack of gold fever and he decided to serve out his time and then, as fast as possible, return to his native State. He still had many experiences, however, before he saw again the welcome sights of home. He was on duty at Fort Sheridan, near the Spotted Tail Agency, in the winter of 1877, when Crazy Horse went on a rampage, and it was Mr. Pollock who was detailed to carry the news to the Red Cloud Agency, a distance of forty-five miles, and he accomplished this courageous feat within four hours. He was present at the rounding up of Wild Hog and Yellow Hand bands of Cheyenne Indians, in 1877, and assisted in the removal of the Spotted Tail and Red Cloud bands of Sioux to the Ponea Reservation, and subsequently, in 1878, to the Pine Ridge Agency. He was stationed at Fort Sidney, Neb.; Fort McKinney, Wyo.; Camp Rawlins, Fort Laramie and Fort D. A. Russell during the remainder of his service and received his honorable and welcome discharge on November 19, 1880. He reached the old homestead in Canonsburg, in December, 1880, and in April, 1881, embarked in farming on the old Judge McDowell farm in

North Strabane Township, that property being then owned by his father, Samuel Pollock. In 1884, Mr. Pollock erected his present residence, and on December 18, 1884, moved into it, and has continued his farm interests here ever since. He has taken a somewhat active interest in county politics, and on the Republican ticket has been elected to numerous township offices, serving as auditor, tax collector, notary public and justice of the peace, and for five years has been chairman of the present committee.

In December, 1880, Mr. Pollock was married to Miss Anna Belle Weaver, a daughter of Thomas D. Weaver, of North Strabane Township, and to them have been born the following children: Bessie J., Viola P., Oscar D., Eliza W., Inez E., Edna L., Adis C., Earl Collins and Samuel Blaine McDonald. The eldest daughter is the wife of E. L. Campbell, of Midway, Pa. All the children survive with the exception of Edna L., who died aged four months. Mr. Pollock and family are members of the Greendale Avenue United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg.

JOHN S. CRAIG, a representative of one of Washington County's old and respected families, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising in Hopewell Township, was born in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., July 4, 1851, and is a son of William and Margaret (McFadden) Craig, the former of whom died in 1890.

John S. Craig was educated in the schools of Independence and Hopewell Townships and ever since early manhood has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and has always resided in his native county.

On December 1, 1886, Mr. Craig was married to Miss Kate Bates, of an old family of Independence Township. She is a daughter of Conrad and Isabella (Gilmore) Bates, both deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Craig the following children have been born: Alvin McMurray, who lives at home; Mary Belle, who is a student in the Indiana Normal School; Margaret Leanna; John Stanley, and Bessie Luella. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are members of the United Presbyterian Church at West Middletown, of which he has been a trustee for twenty years, and Mrs. Craig belongs to the missionary society and takes a great deal of interest in the work. Mr. Craig is a Republican as are his brothers and was their late father. He has served as school director and at present is road supervisor.

MORRIS R. WEIR, a retired farmer, residing for the past two years in a comfortable home at No. 99 Donnan avenue, Washington, Pa., for many years was actively engaged in farming and stock raising in South Franklin Township. Mr. Weir was born in 1846, in South Franklin Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of

Joseph Weir, who was born in Morris Township in 1800, the family being among the earliest settlers of the township.

Morris R. Weir was reared on a farm and obtained his education in the country schools. Prior to coming to Washington he carried on extensive agricultural operations for many years, paying special attention to sheep growing, dealing only in improved stock. At times he had as many as 400 head of sheep at once. In 1906 he built his fine brick residence in Washington.

In October, 1872, Mr. Weir was married to Miss Sarah J. McClain, who was born in Washington County and is a daughter of James McClain. Mr. and Mrs. Weir are members of the Central Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder. Formerly he took considerable interest in the public affairs of South Franklin Township and served on the school board for eleven years.

JOHN A. YOUNG, vice-president of the Star Brewing Company, a business enterprise of considerable importance at Washington, has been a resident of this city for twenty years and is identified with many of its interests. He was born in 1871, in the eastern part of Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Jacob Young, for many years a substantial farmer in North Franklin Township, Washington County.

John A. Young attended the schools near his father's farm and later the Washington schools. His first business experience was as bookkeeper for the firm of Joseph M. Spriggs & Son, and later he was connected with William Forgie, in the lumber business, for four years, going from there to the Crescent Brewing Company for one year. Mr. Young then went into business for himself and for the past six years has been vice-president of the Star Brewing Company, the products of which are known all over this section.

In 1896, Mr. Young was married to Miss Ida Redd, who was born in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa.

JAMES H. VAN KIRK, one of the prominent and substantial citizens of Amwell Township, owns and operates in association with his brother, Francis J. Van Kirk, about 300 acres of land, engaging in farming and stock raising under the firm name of Van Kirk Brothers. Mr. Van Kirk has been a life-long resident of Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Hiram and Anna F. (Hughes) Van Kirk, both of whom were also natives of Amwell Township, both families belonging to the old settled class in this section.

Hiram Van Kirk died July 22, 1908, having passed his entire life in Amwell Township. He was a son of Capt. Joseph Van Kirk and a grandson of Jacob Van Kirk, the latter of whom was one of the early settlers who came to western Pennsylvania from New Jersey. The late

Hiram Van Kirk was a man of large means, having devoted a long life to farming and stock raising and having met with success in his undertakings. He was a liberal supporter of the Christian Church at Lone Pine, Pa. In his political sentiments he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He married Anna F. Hughes and their two children survive: James H. and Francis J.

James H. Van Kirk obtained a district school education and has made agricultural industries his main business through life. His father was a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle and an extensive wool grower and the sons have continued to prosper in the same line. Of their large estate 152 acres comprise the homestead farm. They are recognized as good business men and both are held in high esteem as citizens. In politics they are Democrats and on the Democratic ticket, James H. Van Kirk was elected a member of the school board of the township, in February, 1909. They are heartily in favor of the good roads movement and would be pleased to see more general interest taken in something that is of such vital interest to the agricultural regions. The Van Kirk brothers are associated in business and their interests in many things are the same. They give liberal support to the Christian Church at Lone Pine.

ROBERT D. CRAIG, one of Hopewell Township's leading farmers, owns 147 acres of valuable land and makes stock raising, and sheep growing in particular, a prominent feature of his work. He was born in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., September 4, 1867, and is a son of William and Margaret (Dallzell) Craig. The father died October 3, 1890, and the mother died September 5, 1908.

Robert D. Craig attended the district schools of Hopewell and Independence townships, when about twenty years of age went to farming for his father and continued at home and after the death of his father took charge of the home farm.

Mr. Craig was married February 10, 1909, to Miss Lucy Carl, a daughter of Henry and Lucy (McPherson) Carl, formerly of Independence Township, and they have a son, Robert Carl Craig, born December 1, 1909. Like his father, Mr. Craig is a staunch Republican and he has served three terms as road supervisor. He is a member of Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

MEL S. MOORHEAD, who conducts a furniture store at McDonald, and is one of the representative business men of the place, was born in Washington County, Pa., May 9, 1874, and is a son of William B. and Margaret (Johnston) Moorhead.

William B. Moorhead was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sprowl) Moorhead. For many years he engaged

in farming in Cecil Township and was a leading citizen there, serving in township offices and for two years was a justice of the peace. He married Margaret Johnston, a daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Scott) Johnston, natives of County Donegal, Ireland. Both William B. Moorhead and wife are now deceased and their burial was in Arlington Cemetery. They had the following children: Rosena, who is the wife of Dr. W. A. La Ross, of McDonald; Mel S.; T. B., who lives in California; and R. J., whose home is in Philadelphia.

Mel S. Moorhead was educated in the public schools and Ingleside Academy, which formerly was a somewhat noted educational institution at McDonald. After completing his school attendance, he went into the furniture business at McDonald, serving for two years as an employee of S. H. Cook, during that time gaining knowledge and experience, and then went into partnership with J. F. Giffin. Later he bought Mr. Giffin's interest and has continued alone ever since. He carries a large stock which includes furniture, carpets, stoves and general housefurnishings.

In July, 1908, Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Bessie Douglass, a daughter of T. M. and Julia (McCausland) Douglass, residents of McDonald. She has three brothers: Robert, J. A. and Leon, the second named being a physician at McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In politics, he is a Republican. He is one of the directors in the First National Bank at McDonald, and is also a stockholder in the Water and Electric Light Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead have one daughter, Julia Douglass, whose welcome was given her on April 16, 1909.

WINFIELD McILVAINE, senior member of the well known law firm of McIlvaine and Clark, with offices at No. 410 Washington Trust Building, Washington, Pa., is a man of prominence throughout this section of Pennsylvania, not alone for his successes in the legal profession, but as well for his activity in the field of journalism, and the results he accomplished in behalf of the Republican party. Mr. McIlvaine was born in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 30, 1856, and is a son of S. B. and Catherine (Hill) McIlvaine.

S. B. McIlvaine, the father, was one of the substantial men and representative farmers of eastern Washington County, where the family has long been established. The Hills, to which family his wife belongs, are an old and prominent family of the southeastern part of the county. S. B. and Catherine McIlvaine became parents of the following children: Winfield; Arabelle, who is the widow of William M. Irwin; Ella Laverne,

who is the wife of Josiah Thomas; Lena, who is the wife of R. A. Nicholl; and U. G., Julia, who is the wife of Julius W. Nicholl; and Edwin L.

Winfield McIlvaine was educated in the local schools and at Canonsburg Academy, attending that institution for two years. During the winter of 1876-7 he taught in the district schools of Somerset Township, and in the fall of the latter year he entered as a sophomore, Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated with honors, in June, 1880. Prior to this, in June, 1879, he had commenced his law studies, in the office and under the direction of his cousin, Hon. J. A. McIlvaine, later president judge of the Forty-seventh Judicial District. The two years immediately following his graduation were spent on his father's farm with a view to recuperating his physical powers, which had been greatly taxed by his close application to his studies. He also engaged in teaching school to some extent, during this period.

In the fall of 1882, he began his activity in politics, as secretary of the Republican County Committee, in which capacity he served during the campaign of that and the three succeeding years. In 1883, at the June term of court, he was admitted to the bar of Washington County, and in the fall of the same year, he purchased of Hon. E. F. Acheson, an interest in the Washington "Observer," which was the recognized exponent of Republican principles in Washington County. He continued in this relation until October, 1890, when he disposed of his interest to Mr. Acheson. On January 1, 1891, he entered into the general practice of law in association with Hon. J. F. Taylor, the partnership of Taylor and McIlvaine continuing until June 25, 1895, and enjoying a prestige throughout this whole section of Pennsylvania. After the dissolution of this firm, Mr. McIlvaine became a partner of W. S. Parker, Esq., under the name and style of Parker & McIlvaine, a combination of legal talent which continued until April 1, 1904, when the firm was enlarged to that of Parker, McIlvaine and Clark, by the addition of Norman E. Clark, Esq. This firm continued until April 1, 1907, when Mr. Parker withdrew, leaving the firm as it now stands, McIlvaine and Clark. Mr. McIlvaine has also been identified with various enterprises of Washington, and at the present time is a director of the Washington Trust Company.

On October 19, 1892, Mr. McIlvaine was united in marriage with Elizabeth S. Stewart, who is a daughter of the late Galbraith Stewart. They reside on East Maiden street. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

C. P. PAXTON, M. D., physician and surgeon at California, Pa., who is professionally associated with Dr. John Leslie Mercer, his step-father, enjoys a large prac-

tice and is located in the First National Bank building. He was born near McConnell's Mill, not far from Canonsburg, Washington Co., Pa., July 15, 1876, and is a son of Thomas and Eliza (Cornelius) Paxton.

The father of Dr. Paxton died when the son was eight years old. Later, his mother married Dr. John Leslie Mercer, who, in 1908, sold out his medical practice at Eldersville, Washington County, where he had been located for nineteen years, and came to California. Dr. Mercer was born on a farm in Franklin Township, four miles west of Washington, and is a son of Z. and Nancy (Walker) Mercer. He is well known all over the county, having taught school some ten terms, six near Canonsburg, one in Franklin and one in Buffalo Township and two at Canton, prior to entering upon medical practice. He is a graduate of the Western University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

When Dr. Paxton's mother remarried, the family went to live at Eldersville and there he attended school and afterward taught six terms of school, five of these in Washington County and one in Allegheny County. This was before he entered upon the study of medicine, which he pursued for several years and was then graduated from the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, in the class of 1905. He came then to California and has built up a good practice.

Dr. Paxton married Miss Claire Mae Phillips, and they have one daughter, Pauline Philips Paxton. Dr. Paxton attends the Cumberland Presbyterian Church but is affiliated with the United Presbyterian. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

GEORGE HAZEN MURPHY, M. D., one of the leading and successful practitioners of the medical profession at Monongahela City, Pa., was born November 18, 1869, on a farm in Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of James and Harriet (Hazen) Murphy, both of whom were born in Fayette County, and are still living on the farm in Franklin Township. The parents of our subject reared a family of eight children: Delmer; Phoebe, married Frank Brook; George Hazen, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth; Dorcas; Anna; Walter; and Watson.

Dr. Murphy was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of that locality, later taking a course at the California, Pa., Normal School, and when about seventeen years of age began teaching, in which he continued three years. He then attended Mt. Union College, finally entering the medical department of the Western University at Pittsburg, Pa., from which he graduated in the spring of 1894. He first embarked in the practice of medicine at Kammerer, Washington County for two years, then came to Monongahela City in 1906, where he has since been located, having recently

purchased his present office and residence on Main street. Dr. Murphy has established an enviable reputation as one of the successful physicians of Monongahela City, where he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Monongahela City, and is secretary and treasurer of the Citizens' Gas Company, of which he was one of the organizers. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and has served six years as a member of the school board. He is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., and the F. O. E. orders.

Dr. Murphy was united in marriage with Mary E. Hoffmann, a daughter of Andrew A. Hoffmann, deceased, who was one of the leading attorneys of Washington, Pa. Dr. Murphy has one son, George Hazen, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT F. LINN, secretary and treasurer of the Burgettstown Milling and Plate Ice Company and president of the borough council, is identified with a number of the leading business enterprises of this place and is one of the representative citizens. He was born in Cumberland County, Pa., June 27, 1873.

Robert F. Linn was born in an adjoining county but Washington lays claim to him as he was educated here and at Concord, Ohio, completing his studies at Pittsburgh. He came then to Burgettstown and for nine years was a member of the lumber firm of Linn Brothers. After his marriage he settled in West Burgettstown, where he still resides. He is a stockholder as well as officer in the Milling and Plate Ice Company, of Burgettstown; and is a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank. His business interests are numerous and he is credited with being a very able financier.

On September 24, 1901, Mr. Linn was married to Miss Emma Scott, a daughter of Robert Scott, of Florence, Pa., and they have two sons: Charles S. and Robert P. Mr. and Mrs. Linn are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat and is a very active, progressive citizen. He is identified with both the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

GEORGE L. BARR, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a well known retired citizen, resides in his comfortable home at No. 116 Hall avenue, Washington, Pa., to which city he came in 1884. He was born November 14, 1843, in Clarion County, Pa., but was mainly reared in Butler County.

George L. Barr attended the country schools and assisted on the home farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War and has a most creditable record, having bravely faced the enemy on many a field of carnage and endured the hor-

rors of prison life for many months. A detailed history of the years of his life from 1861, when he entered the service, young and enthusiastic, to his honorable discharge at the close of the war, in 1865, would make many pages of interesting reading. He was a member of Company E, 103rd Pa. Vol. Inf., which was at first attached to the division commanded by Gen. McClelland. Prior to being taken prisoner by the Confederate forces at Plymouth, N. C., Mr. Barr participated in the battles of Fair Oaks; the seven days of fighting before Richmond, Va.; Kingston, N. C.; White Hall, N. C.; Goldsboro and Plymouth. At the latter place, on April 20, 1864, Mr. Barr was unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of the enemy and was immediately dispatched to Andersonville Prison, Ga. He was confined there four months, escaping the sad fate which overtook thousands of his comrades, whose memory, at this late day, has been commemorated by a memorial shaft. He was not much better off, however, when transferred to Charlotte, and three weeks later to the prison at Florence. From the latter place he made a daring escape, but to no purpose as he was soon recaptured and placed in the military jail at Georgetown, S. C. After one month there, he was sent back to Florence and was retained there until December 8, 1864, when he was sent to Camp Parole, at Annapolis, Md., and in March, 1865, was regularly exchanged. Once more within the Union lines, he was detailed on guard duty, first at Roanoke Island, N. C., and later at Newbern, and was there at the time of his discharge.

Mr. Barr returned to Pennsylvania as speedily as possible and soon proceeded to Oil City, where he went into the oil business, later moved into the Butler and Armstrong county fields, during a large part of this time being engaged as a driller. In 1884 he came to Washington and helped drill the Hess gas well, which was the first well drilled for the Light, Heat & Power Company, of Washington. He continued to work as a driller until 1900, when he retired. Since taking up his residence in Washington, he has been an active and useful citizen and for four years has been a member of the city council, representing the Second Ward.

On July 7, 1867, Mr. Barr was married to Miss Catherine Benton, and they have five children, namely: Harry F., John E., Sarah Alice, Berton B., and George C. Harry F. Barr has charge of the South Penn Oil Company's drilling crews, of Lincoln County, W. Va. John E. Barr works in an oil well supply store at Pittsburgh. Sarah Alice resides at home. Berton B. is a well known attorney at Washington. George C. Barr served in the Philippine Islands as captain of Co. H, 10th Pa. N. G. Mr. Barr is a member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and is a trustee of the same, and he belongs to Templeton Post, G. A. R. of Washington.

WILLIAM JAMES BROWN, a representative citizen of Cross Creek Township and a leader in its public affairs, at present serving as school director and road supervisor, is a member of one of the old and respected families of this section. He is one of the heirs of the old homestead farm of 126 acres, which property is exceedingly valuable, being underlaid with Pittsburg vein coal. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., March 23, 1840, and is a son of James and Jane (Shoals) Brown.

The parents of Mr. Brown were born in Ireland and were married in the city of Philadelphia. They came to Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1837, and there passed the remainder of their days. They had the following children: John, who is now deceased; William James, of Cross Creek Township; Sarah, who married Lewis Irvin, and had six children—James, Ida, Anna, Robert, Jessie and Bert; David, who is now deceased, at one time was sheriff of Brooke County, W. Va.; Thomas, who resides in Colorado Springs; and Joseph R., who lives in Independence Township.

William James Brown attended the district schools in Cross Creek Township until he was sixteen years old and then learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked for some thirty years. He was an expert and satisfactory workman but after this long period he became afflicted with rheumatism and decided to change his business for one that would give him more out-door work. He had accumulated a competency and was able to invest in a farm of forty acres which proved valuable to him in more ways than one. It gave him the needed change of employment and as coal was discovered underlying it, the Wabash Railroad extended a line to tap this region and Mr. Brown was able to lay off his farm in lots and sell for excellent prices. A number of residences have been built on this land, which adjoins the town of Avella. The old Wells mill, a landmark, stood on the farm when Mr. Brown purchased, but it was razed in 1898. The former farm is now known as Browntown.

On January 31, 1867, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Margaret Phillips, a daughter of David and Margaret (Stevenson) Phillips, of Cross Creek Township, and they have had the following children born to them: Jane E., who was born December 5, 1867, married James Walker; Maggie S., who was born July 24, 1870, married J. R. Crawford and they live at Wheeling, W. Va.; David C., born August 14, 1873, married Mattie Roney, a daughter of W. G. Roney, of Buffalo, and they live at Hubbard, Ohio; John C., who was born October 27, 1876, married Mary Latimer, daughter of George Latimer, of West Virginia, and they live in Cross Creek Township; Anna Mary, who was born October 11, 1879, married L. M. Irwin, and they live in Avella; George L., who was born January 18, 1882, and Alice E., who was born July 24,

1884, both reside at home. Mr. Brown and family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Independent. In politics he has always been a Democrat. He has been chosen by his fellow citizens to fill numerous offices of responsibility, served one term on the grand jury and several times on the petit jury and has served the township carefully and faithfully as road supervisor, school director and election judge, all this local prominence going to prove the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens. For more than forty years he has been a Free Mason.

DAVID HART, a prominent citizen of Canonsburg, a member of the town council, is also an honored veteran of the Civil War. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 10, 1826, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Fergus) Hart.

Tracing the Hart family back to the great-grandfather, Andrew Hart, it is found that he was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and lived and died in Adams County, Pa., and was buried at Marsh Creek. David Hart, son of Andrew and grandfather of David Hart, came to Washington County as a volunteer in the service of General Washington and was so impressed with the beauty of the landscape, the excellence of the soil and the value of the forest trees, that he resolved to some time return and establish his home here. His birth had taken place in Adams County and he returned there, married, and in 1807 brought his family to Somerset Township, near Vanceville, where he subsequently died. He was buried in the grounds of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church. His first wife was Sarah Paxton and his second wife was a Mrs. Butler. The children born to the first union were: Andrew, Maria, James G., David, Jane, John and William. Jane married Henry Newkirk and died in Wayne County. Maria married John Fergus, who died in Washington. William moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and died in Jonestown, Washington County. The children of the second marriage were as follows: Dunning, who resides at Washington; Margaret, who is now deceased, married a Mr. Kerr; and Eliza, who is the wife of Arde Hosack, resides at Scenery Hill, Washington County.

Andrew Hart, father of David Hart, was born near Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., and in 1807 accompanied his parents to Washington County. In 1848 he settled in the village of Canonsburg and died in this place in 1861. He married Mary Fergus and to them were born two sons and four daughters, the only survivor of the family being the subject of this biography. His one brother, Samuel F. Hart, died at Hickory, Washington County, in 1907. He had been twice married, first to a Miss Ayres, of Illinois, and second to a Miss Atcheson, of Washington County. A son and a daughter were born

to the second union, the later of whom is deceased. The son is J. Ernest Hart, of Hickory. None of the sisters of Mr. Hart ever married. Two of them died before reaching maturity. Three are interred in the Canonsburg Cemetery and one, Isabella, was buried at West Middletown.

David Hart obtained his education in the schools of South Strabane Township and at West Middletown. He then went to West Alexander and there spent three years working in the carriage and wagonmaking shops, thoroughly learning the trade. In 1851 he crossed the plains to California, making the long journey with ox-teams, and by the time he returned to Washington County had been away for three years. They were filled with many adventures and it is with much interest that he recalls the home journey across the celebrated Isthmus of Panama. He had done fairly well in the far West and had enough capital to enable him to buy a good farm, situated in Chartiers Township, one mile north of Canonsburg, upon which he settled with the idea of spending his life in agricultural pursuits. The year 1854, however, was one of severe and prolonged drouth and the whole country suffered from the withholding of moisture. This discouraged Mr. Hart and caused him to turn his attention again to the West and in May, 1855, he again started for California, where he worked as a carpenter and engaged in trading and mining, meeting with many adventures and enduring hardships which prepared the way for his later life in the army during the Civil War. While at Jacksonville, Ore., he was one of a band of volunteers who went out to subdue the Indians who had been capturing emigrant trains. He was also one of the band of brave men under Capt. John Ross that went out from Clear Lake and Lost River and distributed provisions to the suffering emigrants on the lava beds on the route to California. When the Civil War seemed imminent, he returned to Washington County, ready to enlist in defense of the Union. The first company accepted by the governor, Hon. Simon Cameron, was organized in June, 1861, and in August, 1862, Mr. Hart became a member of it, this being the famous Ringold Cavalry. He was sworn into the service under Capt. John Keys and left for the command at Beverly, W. Va. On July 10, 1863, at Cold Springs, Md., he received three gunshot wounds at the same time, two in his abdomen on the right and one through his lungs, and, remarkable as it may seem, these bullets still remain in his body. He was left unconscious on Fairview Mountain, in the care of several of his comrades, while the enemy was driven across the river. These comrades succeeded in transporting him to Cumberland, where his wife met him and brought him home. Under her skillful and tender ministrations he recuperated and on the second Tuesday in October following, he voted and then rejoined his regiment.

In March, 1864, he was given a furlough of thirty days and enjoyed these at home and then went back to Cumberland. The seven companies from Washington County and five companies from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, were included in the 22nd Pa. Cav., forming the regiment under command of Col. Jacob Higgins, and it was allotted to the 8th Army Corps. It was under different commanders but mainly under Gen. B. F. Kelly, who commanded the Department of West Virginia. In the spring of 1865, Mr. Hart was promoted to be quartermaster-sergeant and was with the regiment in all its movements in the Shenandoah Valley until the close of the war. By general order he was mustered out at New Creek and was paid off at Pittsburg in the latter part of June, 1865.

Mr. Hart then went into the business of stock buying and selling and was in partnership with Matthew Wilson for seven years. Later he formed a partnership with his brothers-in-law, Paxton Bros., in the same line of business, including butchering, also, under the firm name of Hart, Harsha & Co. he built and operated the Chartiers Woolen Factory at Canonsburg, which was destroyed by fire February 28, 1887. For some years after this destruction of his property, he continued to handle stock. Since 1872 he has occupied his present handsome residence which is situated on the corner of Pike street and Green-side avenue, Washington.

On October 4, 1860, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Annie Power, a daughter of Ezra Power, of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He is an active, useful citizen and serves acceptably as a member of the town council and has been Burgess. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Thomas Paxton Post, No. 126, G. A. R., being the present commander. This post was named in honor of his brother-in-law, Thomas Paxton, who fell at the battle of the Wilderness.

JOHN N. McDOWELL, justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Buffalo Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born in this township, January 23, 1856, and is a son of John and Sarah (Brownlee) McDowell, and a grandson of Joseph McDowell, who may have been born in Scotland, but was a very early settler in Washington County.

The late John McDowell was one of Buffalo Township's distinguished men. He had been afforded excellent educational advantages, attending Washington College in his earlier years and also teaching school for a time, but later he directed his attention along agricultural lines and became particularly interested in raising sheep. Wool growing in this section has long been a very important industry and to such intelligent men as the late John McDowell, may be attributed a large measure of its im-

portance, for not only through investigation and experiment has the best kind of wool been discovered to make the growing of sheep profitable to the American farmer, but through knowledge of public affairs and legislative action, its scope and expediency has been proved. For years Mr. McDowell made this industry a subject of deep study and he became such an authority on the subject that when the tariff bill was under consideration during the administration of the late lamented President McKinley, he was an important witness called before the committee. His first acquaintance and association with William McKinley was when the latter was a member of Congress, acting with him in the classification of the wool in preparing the schedule for the tariff bill which was passed and known as the McKinley bill.

He was a leader in agricultural movements in Washington County, served as president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society for a number of years and at the time of his death was serving as commissioner of the Cumberland Road, an appointment made by the governor of Pennsylvania. In that office he served with efficiency for seven years. In politics he was a Republican and at various times he accepted public office in Buffalo Township, serving long as a justice of the peace, but the larger portion of his life was devoted, as mentioned above, to the wool industry and to the various questions arising concerning so important a branch of agricultural work. On his own property he raised the Saxony-Merino sheep and from the soft and pliable wool obtained was fashioned the beautiful and admired suit of clothes worn by President McKinley at the time of his second inauguration. From the same web of cloth different members of the family had suits or cloaks made. A personal friendship existed between him and John McDowell, each admiring the other for their sterling qualities.

John McDowell was twice married and his second wife still survives and resides on the homestead in Buffalo Township. He was the father of the following children: F. Vina, who lives in Buffalo Township; Samuel B., who is a physician in practice at Philadelphia; Emma J., who lives in Buffalo Township; John N.; William J., who resides at Scottdale; and Kizzie, who lives in Buffalo Township. Mr. McDowell was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church at Washington. His death occurred August 26, 1899.

John N. McDowell was reared to manhood in Buffalo Township and attended Canonsburg Academy until his graduation in 1875, and subsequently graduated from the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, in 1877. For several years after he returned from college he served as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Washington and then became a school teacher, spending about fifteen winter terms as such. He also was extensively interested in farming and stock raising for a number of years but

latterly has given a large portion of his time to the duties of public office. He is serving in his third term as justice of the peace and it was Justice McDowell who organized the Association of Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of Washington County, of which he is serving as secretary. He has also served as auditor of Buffalo Township, as assessor and as road supervisor. His prominence has long since been established and his reliability and public spirit have never been questioned.

Mr. McDowell married Miss Viola Melvin, a daughter of Samuel Melvin, a former well known citizen who was proprietor of the old Fulton House which occupied the present site of the Washington Trust building. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell: Harry M., who lives in Buffalo Township; Helena, who is the wife of Albert Weirich, of Canton Township; Stella, who is a teacher in the public schools; Margaret; John, who is a student in Washington and Jefferson College; Sarah, who is a successful teacher; Samuel B., who is a student at Washington and Jefferson; and Nellie, who is deceased. The family attends the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder. Formerly he was secretary of Lagonda Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

BERTON B. BARR, a well known member of the Washington bar, who has been in the active practice of his profession in this city since the spring of 1903, was born December 26, 1874, in Butler County, Pa., and is a son of George L. and Catherine (Benton) Barr.

Mr. Barr was ten years old when his parents came to Washington. For many years and until he retired from business activity, his father had been interested in the oil industry. Berton B. Barr attended the public schools of Washington, graduating from the Washington high school in 1894, after which he entered Washington and Jefferson College and was graduated from that institution in 1899. With this literary foundation, Mr. Barr then entered upon the study of law, and in 1901, he was graduated from the Dickinson School of Law, at Carlisle, Pa. In March, 1903, he was admitted to the Washington County bar and subsequently to the Supreme and Superior Courts of the State. He has been connected with a number of prominent cases of litigation and has demonstrated his legal ability on numerous occasions. He takes some part in politics and evinces a public-spirited interest in all that promises to be of advantage to Washington. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church.

REV. WILLIAM DICKSON IRONS, D. D., pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald, Pa., was born in Beaver County, Pa., July 16, 1852, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Douds) Irons.

The father of Rev. Irons, who died in 1890, was born







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in Beaver County, and was a son of Solomon and Rachel (Dickson) Irons. Joseph Irons engaged in farming throughout his active life. He married Margaret Douds, who is a daughter of John and Mary (Hutchison) Douds. Her grandfather was killed by the British while serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. To Joseph and Margaret Irons the following children were born: John, who is a distinguished minister in the United Presbyterian body, for many years was a member of the faculty of Xenia Theological Seminary; Rachel, who is the wife of Dr. O. R. Shannon, resides in Allegheny City, which is also the home of her mother; William D.; Joseph, who is engaged in the real estate business at Rochester, Pa.; Mary, who is the wife of Edgar Heffley, who is auditor for the America Aluminum Works, at Allegheny City; Elizabeth, who married J. McCready, an oil producer; and James, who is in the mercantile business.

William Dickson Irons obtained his primary education in the schools of Beaver County and from them entered Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pa., subsequently attending the Allegheny Theological Seminary. Dr. Irons came to McDonald in 1880, finding the church but poorly supplied with accommodations. Through his energy, zeal and executive ability, the small frame building soon gave way to the present commodious brick church edifice and this charge has become one of the important ones of the denomination. When Dr. Irons became the pastor of the present church he had other claims on his time, attention and strength, being also placed in charge of Engleside Academy and the French Mission. For about fifteen years Dr. Irons was at the head of that academic school, which is no longer in existence, but during that period the students included numbers of men who have become prominent in professional life—lawyers, ministers, physicians, teachers and missionaries. He also has built up at McDonald one of the most flourishing French missions in the State.

In June, 1874, Dr. Irons was married to Miss Edith Van Orsdell. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and she has two sisters and two brothers: Laura, who married Dr. J. G. Templeton; W. E., who is a dentist in practice at Philadelphia; Mary C.; and J. A., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Pittsburg. To Dr. and Mrs. Irons the following children were born: Harold Meredith, a lawyer in Pittsburg; Mabel, who married John S. Moore; Laura, who married W. H. Cramer; William, who is a teacher in the McDonald schools; and Joseph, who is a student in the Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg.

During his long pastorate at McDonald, Dr. Irons has performed almost 1,000 marriages and in one year has conducted as many as 121 funeral services, his presence

being especially valued on such occasions on account of his sincere sympathy and ability to give comfort to those bereaved. He is beloved by his congregation and is esteemed by his fellow citizens.

BERNARD S. SMALLWOOD, who is now serving his third term as civil engineer of Charleroi, was born December 10, 1882, near Coal Center, East Pike Run Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Edward A. and Salena Mary (Lutes) Smallwood, the former of whom is a carpenter and contractor of Charleroi.

Bernard S. Smallwood came with his parents to Charleroi in the fall of 1890, obtained his education in the common schools, and the high school from which he graduated in 1899, then entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, where he took a course in civil engineering and graduated in 1901. After completing his education, Mr. Smallwood returned to Charleroi, embarked in the practice of his profession, and is now not only serving his third term as engineer of the borough of Charleroi, but is also serving in that capacity for Fayette City, Pa., and Roscoe, Washington Co., Pa.

Mr. Smallwood was united in marriage with Lulu E. Kline, who is a daughter of George Kline, and they have two sons, B. Culver Smallwood, and George Edward Smallwood. Mr. Smallwood is a member of the order of Elks.

FERNAND A. THOMASSY, manager of the McDonald Opera House, of which he is part owner, and also interested in oil production in Beaver, Allegheny and Washington counties, is one of the representative business men of this place. He was born in France, June 24, 1877, and is a son of Thomas and Julia (Wathier) Thomassy.

The parents of Mr. Thomassy came to the United States when he was but three years old and settled first at Smithton in Westmoreland County, coming from there to Allegheny County and then to McDonald. The father was a coal miner and he and wife were consistent members of the Catholic Church and reared the family in this faith. They had the following children: Desire; Cecelie, who is the wife of Seal Buggett; Anna, who is the wife of George Gillespie; Celeste, who is the wife of H. H. De Loche; Ida, who is the wife of Emil Robert; George; Julia, who is the wife of George Young; and Fernand A.

Until he was ten years of age, Mr. Thomassy was permitted to attend school at McDonald, but after that he accompanied his father into the coal mines and worked with him for five years. He then learned the baking trade and worked at that for eight years, when he was appointed a member of the police force at McDonald. He remained a police official for two years, when, in 1902 he went into the hotel business and conducted a

public house for three years by himself and then took in August Valentour as a partner and continued several years longer. During these years both he and Mr. Valentour made judicious investments and together they own the opera house property and two other valuable business blocks. His oil interests are also of importance and he is numbered with the men of means in this section.

On May 12, 1909, Mr. Thomassy was married to Miss Marie La Vie, a daughter of Philip and Mary (Bess) La Vie. Mr. and Mrs. La Vie came to America from France and reside at McDonald. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. La Vie have the following children: Marie; Phillipine, who is the wife of T. D. Gladden; and George, Louis and Edward.

Mr. Thomassy casts his vote with the Republican party. He is identified with several French fraternal organizations and belongs also to the Elks, Allegheny Lodge, No. 339; Knights of Pythias, Waverly Lodge, No. 145, and to the social order of the Moose.

ROBERT HORNER ROBINSON, an extensive real estate and insurance dealer, who has been a life-long resident of Monongahela City, Pa., was born here November 22, 1869, and is a son of William T. and Margaret (Brown) Robinson.

William T. Robinson was born and reared in Columbiana County, Ohio, and in 1852 came to Monongahela City with his father, Robert Robinson, who was a cattle dealer, and had become familiar with this section of the country through that business, and he later obtained a contract on the construction work on the B. & O. Railroad in the Monongahela Valley and in Virginia, through his knowledge of this part of the country. Robert Robinson was the father of four children: William T., the father of our subject; Joseph; Samuel, deceased; and Lon. After locating at Monongahela City, William T. Robinson became a bookkeeper for the Culbertsons, who operated a general store and paper mill here, after which he embarked in the clothing business, in which he continued several years, then with his brother Samuel, who was an expert cattleman, engaged in the meat and eat-the business, shipping extensively to Pittsburg, and continued in this business until the time of his death, May 30, 1891, at the age of 57 years. He married Margaret Brown, who survived him five years, and who at an early age came from Allegheny, Pa., to Monongahela City, with her father, William Brown, who built and operated the first saw and planing mill in Monongahela City. Six children were born to the parents of our subject: Ella, who is the wife of W. F. Story, of Cleveland, Ohio; Jennie, is the wife of C. A. Filson, of Wilkesburg, Pa.; William B., a resident of Sewickley, Pa.; Robert H., our subject; Albert K., a resident of Wilkesburg, Pa.;

Mabel, who is the wife of H. C. Williams, of Wilkesburg.

Robert H. Robinson was reared at Monongahela City, where he obtained his education in the common schools and later engaged in the meat business with his father, after which he operated a store across the river for the Watson Mining and Manufacturing Company for about six years, then opened and operated a store at Bunola for three years, and in 1897, at the time of the boom of coal lands in this section, went to Pittsburg, where he engaged in the real estate business for one year, during which time he closed several large contracts, thus gaining his start in the real estate business. He then returned to Washington County and took charge of the Star Coal Company for the Harbison Walker Refectory Company, for whom he had purchased land while in Pittsburg, and was sent by them to open their mine, of which he is still superintendent. Mr. Robinson is a director and was one of the organizers of the Monongahela Clay Manufacturing Company, and was one of the organizers and the first president of the Citizens' Gas Company. He is a Democrat in politics and has served three years as a member of the Monongahela City council, and in fraternal circles is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. of this city.

In June, 1901, Mr. Robinson was married to Maude Heslep, who is a daughter of John Heslep, and they have two sons, Robert and John.

ISAAC W. BAUM, solicitor for Washington County and a lawyer of high standing, with offices in the Washington Trust building, has been a resident of Washington for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Baum was born in Dauphin County, Pa., in 1870, and received a good common school education in that county. In 1890, he registered for the study of law in the office of Judge Criswell, of Franklin, Pa., and in 1894 was admitted to the bar of Franklin County, and in the following year he was admitted to the bar of Washington County, before which he has since practiced. He takes an active interest in political affairs and is at present county solicitor under appointment of the county commissioners. He also is secretary of the McKeown Oil Company.

In 1896, Mr. Baum was married to Miss Jane Best of Clarion County, Pa., and they reside in a comfortable home in Washington. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks.

ALEXANDER G. ADAMS, one of the representative citizens and successful farmers of Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., is carrying on agricultural operations on a property which was originally owned by his grandfather, John Adams, and which has been in the

family name for more than 100 years. Mr. Adams was born March 27, 1863, on the farm on which he now lives, and is a son of Alexander H. and Lucinda J. (Crouch) Adams.

Alexander H. Adams, who was a farmer all his life in Independence Township, for many years was an elder in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church, and took a great interest in its work. He and his worthy wife were the parents of the following children: Caroline, the wife of George Keenan; Ruth, residing with her brother; Maria, the wife of Thomas McCarthy, of Independence Township; Orinda, living in Washington, Pa.; Martha, the wife of John Adams, of Independence Township; Lulu, the wife of Henry F. Carl, of Independence Township; Mary, wife of Norris McCain, of Missouri; and Alexander G.

After attending the common schools of Independence Township, Alexander G. Adams went to work on the home farm, on which he has resided all of his life. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his 123-acre farm has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He is a Republican in his political views, and is now serving his township as road supervisor. The family belongs to Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

In 1889 Mr. Adams was married to Hattie J. Keenan, daughter of George and Annie (Tilton) Keenan, and to this union there have been born six children, namely: William Paul, born June 27, 1891; Jane Mary, born March 26, 1895; Laura B., born March 8, 1899; John A., born May 14, 1901; Martha M., born October 21, 1904; and Orlando C., born October 7, 1909.

WILLIAM H. DUNLAP, burgess of Canonsburg, whose handsome home is situated at No. 124 West College street, is a worthy representative of an old family of Washington County, of Irish extraction.

He was born in Cecil Township, Washington Co., Pa., May 15, 1855, and is a son of John and Priscilla (Pointer) Dunlap, the former of whom died in 1902, aged seventy-six years. The latter, at the same age, is a resident of Canonsburg.

William H. Dunlap grew to manhood in Cecil Township and was educated in the public schools and Jefferson Academy. After leaving school he engaged in farm work and continued to live in Allegheny County for six years after his marriage. In 1886 he came to Canonsburg and embarked in the retail grocery business and conducted the same very successfully for six years. The confinement, however, told on his health and for a time he put aside business cares, accepting about the same time a position on the school board in the East Ward, to which he gave attention for twelve years. He then changed his residence to another ward and resigned from the board, of which he had been a valued member. On

March 3, 1909, he entered into office as burgess of Canonsburg, having been elected on a platform calling for the enforcement of the law, and his administration promises to be all that the most ardent and zealous citizen can ask. Since coming to this borough, Mr. Dunlap has been very active in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a trustee, a member of the official board and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On December 25, 1878, Mr. Dunlap was married to Miss Sadie McConnell, a daughter of Charles and Annie (Morrow) McConnell. They have one daughter, Mamie, who is the wife of John W. Schaefe, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, traveling daily between Pittsburg and Canonsburg.

JAMES W. GRIMES, a well known and popular employe of the National Bank of Claysville, at Claysville, Pa., has been identified with the institution since January, 1903. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., October 2, 1867, and is a son of John and Martha (Post) Grimes.

John Grimes, father of James W., was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, on the old family estate, and was a son of John Grimes, the latter of whom settled at an early date in Donegal Township, three miles north of Claysville. He acquired about 500 acres of land and 127 of this yet belongs to the Grimes family. Both father and grandfather were farmers. The former died January 14, 1908. He was a worthy member of the United Presbyterian Church.

James W. Grimes was mainly reared on the family farm in Donegal Township. He was educated in a private school in Donegal Township, the Normal School at Claysville and the West Middletown Academy, and afterward for several years he taught school in Washington County. He has been an active and useful citizen of Claysville, serving in the borough council and also as a director in the Independent school district and for a season was secretary of the board. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Grimes was married to Miss Elizabeth Hayburn, a daughter of James Hayburn, formerly a well known resident of Donegal Township, and they have two children: John L. and Margaret R. Mr. Grimes and wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville, of which he is treasurer.

T. H. W. FERGUS, assistant district attorney of Washington County, Pa., and a leading member of its bar, has been a resident of Washington Borough for some twenty-one years. He was born in 1879, in South Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Samuel P. and a grandson of Thomas Fergus.

The Fergus family originated in Ireland but has been in America for many generations and in Washington

County since 1802, established here by the great-grand-parents of T. H. W. Fergus, who came from Huntingdon County when their son Thomas was a babe. The late Samuel P. Fergus, was born in Washington County in 1840 and died in 1900. He engaged in farming until 1885, when he was elected county treasurer of Washington County and served in that office until his death. He was also interested in oil development in the county.

T. H. W. Fergus attended the township schools until prepared for college and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in the class of 1900. For about two years after leaving school he followed surveying, and then began to teach and for some years followed that profession, a part of the time in his alma mater, and for one year was principal of the Cross Creek Academy. During these years he read law by himself and then entered the office of Attorney J. M. McBurney, where he completed his preparation for the bar and was admitted to practice, in 1904, in all the courts of the State. He is a leading Republican and for two years served on the Republican County Committee being its chairman for one year. He has filled local offices very acceptably to the public, was auditor of East Washington Borough and is now assistant district attorney.

Mr. Fergus is a member of the Heptasophs, the Elks and the Bassett Club, being one of the organizers of the latter. He belongs also to the Washington County Bar Association. For many years Mr. Fergus has been a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church and has served as an officer in the Sabbath school. He has a wide circle of friends; professional, political and personal.

R. C. VANCE, general farmer, who owns 134 acres of excellent land, situated partly in Smith and partly in Cross Creek Township, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., on the place on which he resides, June 19, 1850. His parents were Allison and Margaret (Campbell) Vance.

Allison Vance was born in Smith Township, Washington County, but later resided in Cross Creek Township, where he had 160 acres of land, and he engaged in farming until he was thirty-eight years old. He married Margaret Campbell, whose death preceded his own, he surviving until 1892. They were worthy members of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and they were buried in the Cross Creek Cemetery. They were parents of six sons and one daughter.

R. C. Vance attended the public schools during boyhood and then turned his attention to farming and raising fine stock. Since his marriage he has resided on his present farm, which is situated one mile northeast of Cross Creek and within five miles of Burgettstown. He

has done all of the improving that gives his farm so fine an appearance. He breeds Shorthorn cattle and a superior grade of sheep, having about 125 of the latter ready for market annually. Mr. Vance also enjoys the income from thirteen oil and gas wells situated on his property.

In March, 1875, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Mary E. McGough, a daughter of John McGough, of Columbiana County, Ohio, and they have four children, namely: Homer C., who married Miss Sarah B. McNelly; Martha J., who married J. W. Reed; and Margaret Mary and Oscar C., both of whom reside at home. Mr. Vance and family attend the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Like his father, Mr. Vance is identified with the Republican party but is not active in political life. He is one of the substantial men of this section and is a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank and the Washington National Bank and also the Pittsburg Building and Loan Company.

JOSEPH T. ALTON, an energetic young business man of McDonald, Pa., who is chief clerk and a paymaster of the McDonald division of the Pittsburg Coal Company, was born at Titusville, Pa., January 2, 1882, and is a son of Edward and Rose (Harrigan) Alton. His paternal grandparents were Joseph F. and Susan (Sison) Alton, and those on the maternal side, Thomas and Mary (O'Shea) Harrigan. Mr. Alton's great uncle, George D. Alton, was the first white boy born in what is now the city of Dunkirk, N. Y.

Reared in a log cabin, after reaching maturity he made the brick and built the first brick house in Dunkirk. This house was recently torn down to make room for a more modern structure, and the bricks were carried away by residents of the city for reliefs.

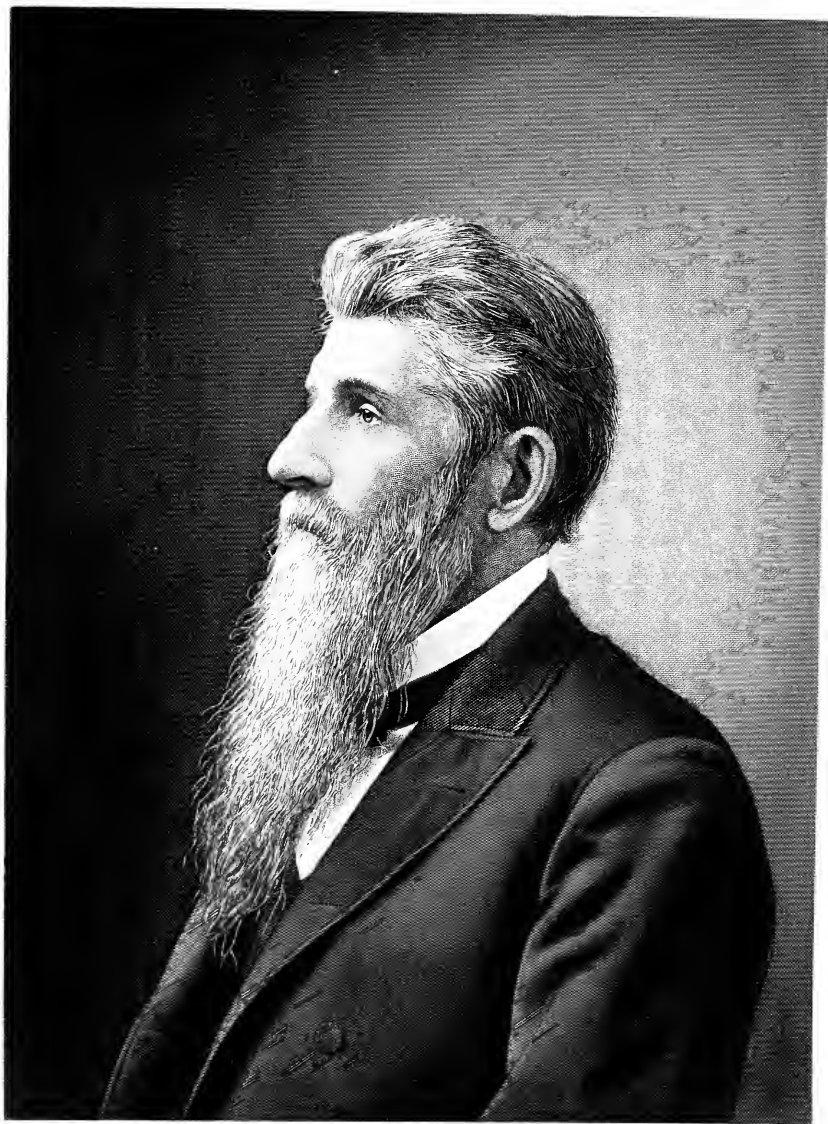
Edward Alton, who is a machinist by trade, is now living at McDonald, and of his children Joseph T. is the eldest, the others being: Mary, the wife of J. E. McDonald; Cassius E. and Clarence Daniel.

Joseph T. Alton attended the public schools of McDonald, leaving high school in his senior year to enter the employ of the Pittsburg Coal Company. It was not long before his services to the company were rewarded by promotion, and he has risen steadily until he now holds the position of chief clerk and paymaster of the McDonald division, which consists of five mines.

On September 4, 1907, Mr. Alton was married to Catherine Austin, daughter of M. J. and Mary (McNerney) Austin, residents of McDonald. Mrs. Alton has a brother, William J., and a sister, Nellie. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Alton: George G., June 28, 1908.

Mr. Alton is fraternally connected with Chartiers Council, No. 875, Knights of Columbus, and the Macon-





*John W. Stockdale*



bees at McDonald. He is a Republican in politics and has served as auditor of McDonald. He and his wife attend the Catholic Church.

JOHN M. STOCKDALE was for many years a resident of Washington, Pa. He was born August 28, 1824, on the homestead in Morris Township, Greene County. His grandfather, James Stockdale, came from the north of Ireland to this country in 1787, expecting to return after seeing the new land of promise, but having exhausted his funds in traveling he determined to make enough money to pay his passage back home, the Fates, however, had decreed otherwise, before this was accomplished he met Miss Weir, who afterwards became his wife and he gave up all thought of recrossing the seas to his native land. This young couple established themselves in what was then Washington (now Greene) County in 1790 and to them were born one son and three daughters. The mother died in 1823 and the father died in 1840 at the age of eighty-six.

Their son, William Stockdale, was born in 1792 on his father's farm where with the exception of a period of service in the War of 1812, he spent all the seventy-one tranquil years of his life and died there in 1863. His wife Hannah, a daughter of John McQuaide of Washington County died in 1873, being seventy-six years of age. They had seven children, James, John M., Robert, Thomas R., Mary, Isabella and Sarah. He was a fairly prosperous man for his day and with the commendable family pride of an intelligent gentleman, he spared no pains in preparing his children to enter with credit upon the duties of life, he sent his sons and his daughters to pursue their studies in the neighboring schools and colleges of Waynesburg, Washington and Canonsburg.

John M. Stockdale was the second child of William and Hannah Stockdale, his childhood was spent on the farm. He was prepared for college at Carmichael's academy and he graduated from Washington College in 1849, immediately afterward entering the law office of Hon. T. M. T. McKennan and was admitted to the bar in 1852. The following year he became owner and editor of the Waynesburg "Messenger," the only Democratic newspaper in Greene County. In 1854 he was elected to the State Legislature and served two terms, then, being a victim of inflammatory rheumatism, he decided to go west, hoping to shake off this enemy to his well-being and it was during this search for health and recreation that he became connected with extensive business matters in Iowa. He located in Fort Dodge, a frontier town, which was fortified for protection against the Indians and in 1857 by appointment of President Buchanan he became register of the government land office there. That year was a notable period in his early life, in April, he

was married to Pattie Clark, the beautiful daughter of Almer and Patty Evans Clark of Ten-Mile Valley, Pa. She was born June 22, 1833, on the farm where her mother and grandfather were born and which was "taken up" as government land by her great-grandfather and has ever since belonged to some member of the family. She was one of eight children, "the family was prominent in the county and this home filled with these brothers and sisters was a center where was dispensed a large, hearty and wholesome hospitality".

Mr. Stockdale took his bride to his new home in the west where, as also in their later places of residence, her rare charm of manner, her ready wit which left no sting, her gracious Christian character, won her a place in the hearts of an ever widening circle of friends. Mrs. Stockdale survived her husband seven years and on May 28, 1904, died in their home on East Wheeling street, Washington, Pa., where their only child, Miss Elizabeth C. Stockdale, now resides.

In 1863, while yet a resident of Fort Dodge, Mr. Stockdale was nominated for the State Senate of Iowa, but declined the nomination. In 1864 he was an elector on the McClelland ticket. During his residence in Iowa he dealt extensively in real estate, having bought and sold more than 200,000 acres of land as the records show, but the Civil War so depressed land values throughout the West that for the time real estate became a hazardous investment and in 1865 he removed to Baltimore, Md., where he engaged in the wholesale drug business as a member of the well known firm of Stockdale, Smith & Co. He also owned a petroleum oil refinery there until the Standard Oil Company by methods now well known crushed out all competition.

In 1881 Mr. Stockdale and his family moved to Washington, Pa., where for several years he published the "Review" and "Examiner." In 1884 he received the nomination for Congress on the Democratic ticket in the district which embraced Washington, Beaver and Lawrence counties. A year earlier he secured a State charter for the transportation and use of natural gas for light and heat, a company of enterprising citizens was organized and the development of oil and gas in the immediate vicinity of Washington was the result. His activities along this line aided materially in the development of the resources and added largely to the prosperity of the borough.

His mind was well stored with knowledge, he had read widely and had great ability as an extemporaneous speaker. He was honorable and hated injustice, he loved law and order and was an earnest champion of the people's rights. There were no neutral tints in his political colors he was ever an ardent Democrat, believing thoroughly in his party and its principles. He was a Christian and a

member of the Presbyterian Church from early life. He enjoyed much success, he bore reverses with dignity and composure, he "was equal to either fortune."

He retired from active life "as he felt the evening shadows coming on" and died September 17, 1897 at his home in Washington.

DEMAS E. LINDLEY, cashier of the Farmers' and Miners' National Bank of Bentleyville, Pa., with which he has been identified since March 14, 1908, was born April 28, 1872, on a farm in South Franklin Township, Washington Co., Pa., a son of Benjamin Clifford and Miranda V. (Patterson) Lindley, both of whom are living in Washington County. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cephas Lindley, and the maternal grandfather was Wilson Patterson of Franklin Township.

Demas E. Lindley remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, attended the district schools of Franklin Township and took a private course with the Rev. Fisher, after which he took a business course at Washington, Pa. He first began his business career as a bookkeeper for Mr. Neff, a plumber of Washington, with whom he remained but two months, when he accepted a position with the First National Bank of Canonsburg, Pa., with which he was identified from April, 1892, until October, 1905, when he resigned because of ill health, and accepted a clerical position at the mines in Westmoreland County, Pa. On March 14, 1908, he became cashier of the Farmers' and Miners' National Bank of Bentleyville, of which Joseph A. Herron, of Monongahela City, Pa., is president, and T. A. Hetherington, a farmer of Somerset Township, is vice-president. The directors of the bank are: J. A. Herron; T. A. Hetherington; Joseph Underwood, of Roscoe, Pa.; W. F. Richardson, of Bentleyville, Pa.; W. H. Murray, a farmer of Somerset Township; J. E. Richardson, of Bentleyville; Julian Grable, of Fallowfield Township; W. H. Wilson, of Clover Hill; A. B. Richardson, of Somerset Township; and J. G. McCormack, of Bentleyville. The bank was organized in the fall of 1906, after which the present building, a fine large three-story brick, was erected, and the bank was open for business March 14, 1908.

Mr. Lindley married Blanch Ashbaugh, a daughter of William Ashbaugh, of Westmoreland County, Pa., and they have seven children: Lois, Zella, Freda, Clifford, Lloyd, John Willis, and Gladys. Mr. Lindley affiliates with the Elks and the Eagles.

CHARLES E. PHILLIPS, a member of the Washington bar, was born in 1871, at California, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of David Phillips, a native of Fayette County, who has been a resident of Washington County for a half century.

Charles E. Phillips was reared in his native place and

attended first the public schools and later the State Normal School at California. From this institution he was graduated in the class of 1890. Although thoroughly qualified for teaching, Mr. Phillips then turned his attention to law, entering the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he graduated in the class of 1895. He then was interested for several years in real estate dealings, but in 1904 was admitted to the bar and has been engaged in law practice at Washington ever since, maintaining his office at No. 46 South Main street, but retaining his home at California. The Washington bar is distinguished for its number of brilliant young men.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally he is a Mason.

GEORGE D. SCOTT, one of Hopewell Township's representative citizens who carries on agricultural operations on a valuable farm of 113 acres, was born in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., Nov. 29, 1869. His parents were J. Finley and Margaret (Davis) Scott. Mr. Scott has two sisters: Mary, who is the wife of L. J. Brownlee; and Anna M., who is the wife of Louis Liggett and lives in Ohio.

George D. Scott was about 8 years old when his parents moved on a farm in Canton Township and there he was mainly reared. He attended the public schools and spent two terms at the old Buffalo Academy. He remained with his father on the farm until after his marriage in 1898, after which he rented farms until 1901, in Canton Township, when they moved to Hopewell Township. In 1904, after the death of Mrs. Scott's father, they came into possession of this place, which they had rented for three years. This farm was the land taken up by William Smiley at the time of his arrival here, and has been in possession of some one of his descendants ever since. Mr. Scott makes a specialty of boarding horses for their owners in Washington, and usually has from 25 to 30 head all through the winter. He is recognized as an excellent business man and is a very successful farmer.

Mr. Scott was married March 10, 1898, to Miss Alehie Hamilton, who is a daughter of the late Robert and Mary H. (Anderson) Hamilton, formerly one of Hopewell Township's most respected and best known people. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are valued members of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church and take an active part in its various branches of work. Formerly Mr. Scott was one of the church trustees, while Mrs. Scott has long been a member of the missionary society. In his political views, Mr. Scott is a Republican, but he has always declined to serve in any public office.

CHARLES C. JOHNSON, president of the Citizens Trust Company of Canonsburg, is well known in financial circles, having been identified with the banking business ever since leaving college. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., Nov. 17, 1872, and is a son of J. Bradford and Jennie (Crothers) Johnson.

Mr. Johnson belongs to old county families. His paternal grandparents were John and Rebecca (Van Eman) Johnson, old residents of Washington County, who died in Canonsburg. They had three sons: Richard V., J. Bradford and John G. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Jane (Brownlee) Crothers, and they had the following children: William B., deceased; Robert W., residing at Taylorstown, Pa.; Leamen M., deceased; Mira, deceased, formerly the wife of W. W. McClay; Jennie; Elizabeth, deceased; and Ella, wife of R. M. Dorrance, of Cleveland, Ohio.

J. Bradford Johnson, now an esteemed resident of Canonsburg, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, in 1842. Until 1899 he lived on his farm in Chartiers Township, removing then to Canonsburg, where he has since been retired and is a director of the Citizens Trust Company. He married Jennie Crothers, who died in 1897, aged 57 years. They had the following children: Ella Maud, who married Rev. Charles G. Williams, who is pastor of the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church of Denver, Col.; John Tracy, who manages the home farm; and Charles C.

Charles C. Johnson was educated in the township schools, Jefferson Academy and Washington and Jefferson College, graduating from the latter with the class of 1893. During his college course he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Immediately after leaving college he was made assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank, limited, and in 1895 he became cashier and continued to fill that office until the Citizens Trust Company was organized, in 1901, when he became secretary and treasurer of this company and continued as such until July 1, 1909, when he became president. Mr. Johnson is a young man to fill so important a position and that he has been placed at the head, indicates the great confidence felt in his judgment and executive ability.

The Citizens Trust Company of Canonsburg was organized May 1, 1901, taking over the business of the Citizens Bank, limited, a private bank which had been in existence for ten years. The Citizens Trust Company building is a fine four-story pressed brick structure, which was erected in 1904, the lot and building together costing \$90,000. The interior of the bank is of birch wood and mahogany finish and the rest of the building is finished in oak. The dimensions are 70x50 feet. The upper floors have been fitted up as residence flats, while

on the lower floors, in addition to the bank proper are directors' and officers' rooms, vault and all modern fixtures to ensure comfort, convenience and safety. The institution has been more than successful, paying 6 per cent annual interest. The management has been practically the same since its organization.

On June 20, 1903, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Grace Moreland Henderson, a daughter of John M. and Anna (Cary) Henderson, and a direct descendant of Rev. Dr. Mathew Henderson, who was the first pastor of the Upper Buffalo Church. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the College for Women, Cleveland. She also spent some years in school in Germany and Switzerland. They are members of the Central Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, of which Mr. Johnson is treasurer.

JOHN S. HOLMES, one of Donegal Township's well known and highly respected citizens, who has been engaged in farming and stock raising ever since he reached man's estate, was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., July 31, 1849, and is a son of George Y. and Elizabeth (Snodgrass) Holmes.

George Y. Holmes was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland. His parents were William and Nancy E. Holmes, whom he accompanied to America when he was about 10 years old. The family came directly to Washington County and settled a short distance from Claysville, in Donegal Township. George Y. Holmes grew to useful manhood here and in the course of years became a man of prominence in the community. He filled many public offices with credit, was long a school director and also a justice of the peace, and on one occasion was the candidate of the Republican party for the office of county commissioner. He was a leading member of the Baptist Church at Claysville and was also a local preacher in this body. His death occurred in 1903, having survived his wife for many years. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Snodgrass and she was born in Donegal Township and was a daughter of John Snodgrass and a granddaughter of William Snodgrass, one of the pioneer settlers. To George Y. and Elizabeth Holmes the following children were born: William, who lives at Washington, Pa.; John S., who resides in Donegal Township; Nannie E., who is the wife of Charles W. Miller, of Claysville; George Y., his father's namesake, who lives at Claysville, Pa.; Mary M., who is the wife of Samuel Kelley, of Buffalo Township; Margaret, who lives at Claysville; Robert R., who lives at McDonald, Pa.; Florence, who is the wife of Wiley Reaney, lives at Claysville.

John S. Holmes attended the district schools in Donegal Township, in his boyhood, and afterward passed his youth in helping his father on the home farm. He owns a valuable tract of 64 acres, which he has well stocked

and under an excellent state of cultivation. His surroundings indicate thrift and substantial comfort.

On Jan. 1, 1873, Mr. Holmes was married to Miss Margaret C. Miller, who was born in Donegal Township, July 9, 1849, and is a daughter of Christopher and Sarah J. (Knight) Miller, and a granddaughter of John Miller, who was one of Donegal Township's early settlers. The mother of Mrs. Holmes was born in Virginia. Of the children born to Christopher Holmes and wife, the following survive: Calvin L. and Mary J., both of whom live in Donegal Township; George H., who is a resident of McDonald; Charles W., who lives at Claysville; Margaret C., who is Mrs. Holmes; and Frances E., who is the widow of Robert B. Ramage, resides on her farm in Donegal Township. Christopher Miller and wife were people of sterling worth, consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have one daughter, Sarah E., who resides with her parents. They reared two boys, Andrew L. Chapman and William Ramage, both of whom have reflected credit on them and give them the filial affection of sons. Andrew L. Chapman, who is now a preacher in the Disciples Church, stationed at Boise, Idaho, served for three years in the missionary field in Turkey. William Ramage is engaged in farming in Donegal Township. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are members of the Presbyterian Church at Claysville, and in October, 1909, Mr. Holmes was sent as a representative of the Zion United Brethren Church of Donegal Township to the Pennsylvania State Convention, where various religious bodies met and discussed questions affecting Christianity in general. As a broad-minded, clear-headed, intelligent man, possessing the confidence and esteem of all who know him, this selection of Mr. Holmes was a judicious one and he took part in the deliberations of this representative body. He casts his vote with the Republican party, but has never accepted any public office except that of school director and he is now serving in his twelfth year as a member of the school board of Donegal Township.

JAMES P. BROWNLEE, lawyer and merchant at Washington, Pa., and a prominent and useful citizen, was born in 1872, in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Milton O. Brownlee and a grandson of Samuel T. Brownlee.

The Brownlee family belongs to the pioneer class of Washington County. The grandfather, Samuel T. Brownlee, was born after his father settled in Washington County. He left few descendants as he died when only 28 years of age. His son, Milton O., was born on the family estate in North Strabane Township, in 1849, where he continued to live and was extensively engaged in farming and the sheep industry until 1905, when he

retired and moved to Washington, where he still resides.

James P. Brownlee obtained his early education in the township schools and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in the class of 1897. From there he went to Pittsburg and became a student in the Pittsburg Law School, but in his senior year suffered from an illness that made necessary the postponement of his law studies. After he recovered from a rather severe siege of fever, he completed his law reading in the office of Attorney R. W. Irwin, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1901. He has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession at Washington. In the fall of 1907 he formed a partnership with C. E. Penn, under the style of Penn & Brownlee, in gents' furnishing goods, an enterprise which proved successful, and continued until February 1, 1910, when Mr. Penn retired, Mr. Brownlee continuing the furnishing business at No. 129 South Main street, where he is now located. He is also a stockholder in the Dunn & Connellsville Coke Company. As a citizen he has been unusually active, lending the weight of his influence to promote public prosperity. He has served as a member of the school board and from 1904 until 1906 administered the law as a justice of the peace.

Mr. Brownlee is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and officiates as the librarian of the Sunday-school. He is identified fraternally with the Elks and the Heptasophs.

HON. HENRY EATON, justice of the peace at Midway, Pa., and for three consecutive years Burgess of the borough, is a member of one of the oldest settled families of Washington County, doubtless of Dutch extraction on the father's side and Scotch-Irish on the mother's side. One of the most prized relics is a Holland Bible, which was printed in 1570 and has been preserved with other family antiquities. Mr. Eaton was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., Nov. 6, 1848, and is a son of William and Sarah (Russell) Eaton.

Both parents of Mr. Eaton have passed away and their remains rest in the Racoon Cemetery, they being valued members for many years of the Presbyterian Church at that point. William Eaton was a farmer throughout his active life. He was a consistent member of the old-time Democratic party. Five children were born to William and Sarah Eaton, namely: Martha, who married Robert Stevenson; Rachel, now deceased, who was a public school teacher; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of E. J. Vogle; Henry; and Mary E., who died when aged 14 years.

Henry Eaton attended the district schools in Smith and Robinson Townships and secured a teacher's certificate, attended the Normal School at Carnegie for two





HON. JAMES S. STOCKING

terms and Oakdale Academy for two terms and secured a permanent certificate. For many years he gave the larger part of his time and attention to teaching, carrying on his educational work both in Allegheny and Washington Counties. In 1875 he came to Midway, where he and Mrs. Eaton successfully taught terms of school and he also served for three years as principal of the McDonald schools, Mrs. Eaton being first assistant. In politics he is a Democrat and on many occasions has been shown the appreciation which his fellow citizens have felt for him, being elected to numerous offices of honor and responsibility. For three years he was treasurer of Robeson Township and for the same length of time a member of the township school board. For four years he had charge of the Black Diamond coal mine and store belonging to his father-in-law, Thomas Taylor. After the exhausting and closing down of the Black Diamond mine he opened a general store of his own in Midway, Pa., which was a success in every particular. After conducting his store for three years he was appointed postmaster during the late ex-President Cleveland's second administration. He then sold out his store, put in a new and expensive office and gave to the department and patrons a service that was so satisfactory that at the close of his term he was asked to retain the office. To this request he replied, "No, thank you, to the victor belong the spoils." For three years Midway found in him an able executive head and since then, and for the past 27 years, has been serving in the office of justice of the peace and has a real estate and insurance office.

In January, 1882, Mr. Eaton was married to Miss Mattie E. Taylor, a daughter of Thomas Taylor and Sarah (Bailey) Taylor. Mrs. Eaton's brothers and sisters are: Eliza, who married Joseph Taylor; Joseph A.; Lilly A.; James M.; and Laura, who married Robert Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have two children: Amy T. and Henry T. Amy has a good and lucrative position in the city of Pittsburgh. Henry T. Eaton, after graduating from the common schools and the Pittsburgh Academy, entered the University of Pittsburgh and is now in his second year. Mr. Eaton is identified with Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, F. & A. M., at Burgettstown, Pa.

J. MOSS McCOLLUM, architect, who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., for 24 years and is interested in a number of the city's prospering enterprises, is a member of the prominent firm of McCollum & Dowler, with offices at Pittsburgh. He was born at Amity, Washington County, Pa., in 1864, and is a son of Elias and Sarah (Moss) McCollum.

Elias McCollum was born in the old McCollum home-

stead at Amity, in 1828. He owned farming land, but devoted his whole mature life to general contracting, in the line of building, and continued active in business until within one year of his death, when he retired to his farm. He married Sarah Moss, who was born in Washington County, in December, 1831, and still survives, residing on her farm near Amity. They had three children, namely: Harvey, who operates the home farm; Ella, who is now deceased; and Jennings Moss, the subject of this sketch.

J. Moss McCollum was reared on the home place and was educated in a private academy at Amity, and then learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked until he was 24 years old. From boyhood he had displayed unusual ability in the line of his present work and in 1889 he gave himself up to the study of architecture and for 12 years remained with W. E. Ely, a well-known architect. He later moved his own office to Pittsburgh and does business under the firm style of McCollum & Dowler. There are many fine structures at Washington and other points, of which he has been the architect. This city is somewhat noted for its fine schoolhouses and convent buildings, and Mr. McCollum was the designer and architect of almost all. He was the architect of the Washington Trust Company building, an example of taste and dignity in building that has excited universal admiration. He also has to his credit the new First National Bank of Columbus, the Braddock National Bank of Braddock, Pa., a fine new hotel building at Pittsburgh, together with schools, churches and public buildings all over the country, the cost of which ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. He has been able to combine stability and beauty, utility and dignity, and he has few superiors in Western Pennsylvania.

In 1892, Mr. McCollum was married to Miss Nora Patterson, a daughter of Speer Patterson, of Wyland Station, Pa., and they have three daughters: Elinore, Mildred and Dorothy. The family belong to the Second Presbyterian Church. The beautiful family home is situated at No. 513 East Beau street. Mr. McCollum takes a good citizen's interest in civic matters and has served efficiently in the city council. He is a member of the Union Club of Pittsburgh.

HON. JAMES S. STOCKING, one of Washington County's most active and prominent citizens, who has been identified with public affairs and with business interests in this section of Pennsylvania ever since the Civil War, in which he rendered patriotic military service, was born at Washington, Pa., December 4, 1839, a son of Julius and Mary (Phillips) Stocking. Mr. Stocking can boast of both old Dutch and "Mayflower" Pilgrim

ancestry. His paternal ancestors were from New York, and those on the maternal side came to Washington County from Massachusetts.

Julius Stocking, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born near Auburn, N. Y., from which place he came in 1835 to Washington. Here, in the following year, he married Mary Phillips, whose father had settled in Washington County in 1800. Three children were born of this union: Alfred, Mary and James Stevens. Julius Stocking subsequently moved to Rockport, Ind., where he died in 1870, aged 68 years. His widow survived him for four years.

James Stevens Stocking attended the local schools until he was about twelve years of age, after which, until he enlisted for service in the Civil War, in 1861, he was variously employed and was entirely self-supporting. He responded to the first call of President Lincoln for troops, and after serving through his first enlistment of three months, in Co. E, 12th Pa. Vol. Inf., he re-enlisted and served two years and eight months in the 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., this being the noted "Roundhead" regiment. Again he re-enlisted, this time as a veteran, contracting to serve three years longer but the loss of his arm necessitated his discharge January 10, 1865. Mr. Stocking not only gave four full years to the service of his country, but also his good left arm, which was left on the battle field at Hatcher's Run, October 27, 1864. From the ranks Mr. Stocking had been continuously promoted for gallantry, and when he was mustered out it was with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mr. Stocking returned to Washington and in 1871 he was appointed to the office of United States store keeper. In the following year he received the unanimous nomination at the Republican county convention, for county clerk, to which office he was easily elected, and in 1875 he was re-elected to the office, with an increased majority. Later he turned his attention to journalism and from October 17, 1879, to October 17, 1882, he was one of the editors and proprietors of the "Washington Observer," owned by Stocking & Acheson, during this period increasing its circulation and making it one of the strongest Republican organs of the State. Ill health, resulting from the injuries received in the army, caused him to sell his newspaper interests. His fellow citizens manifested further their appreciation of his character and services by electing him, in the fall of 1888, to the State Legislature, and by re-electing him in 1890 to that position.

In the following year he was made superintendent and assistant chief of the seed room in the seed division of the Agricultural Department, at Washington, D. C., a position which came to him almost as a surprise, as he had never solicited it. The duties pertaining to this office he satisfactorily performed as long as he retained it.

In 1884, after his return to his native place, he embarked in a real estate business, and shortly afterward he platted the beautiful addition to Washington known as Kalorama. In 1887, in association with B. F. Hassan, he platted and later disposed of another desirable addition, Woodland. He continued actively interested in realty, and in 1888, with James Kuntz, L. McCarrell and E. F. Acheson, he platted the Weaver farm, naming this property West End. In the following year, the Shirles Grove property also came under their management and subsequently they purchased from the Morgan estate a plat of ground which they platted under the name of the "Morgan Addition to East Washington." One of these additions was so attractive and desirable that the time came when it was made into a separate borough, bringing into existence West Washington. Subsequently, in connection with John W. Donnan, James Kuntz, Jr., A. G. Happer, David Iseman, L. McCarrell, Thomas Allison and Dr. McCleary, the Gordan farm of 220 acres was purchased and platted, upon which some of the most prominent manufacturing plants in the vicinity of the borough are situated. This plant contained 1,500 lots, 1,100 of which have been disposed of to date.

These additions offer a delightful location for home seekers and favorable opportunities for the establishing of business concerns. Mr. Stocking's name is indissolubly connected with this prospering section of Washington. He now mainly confines his energies to attending to the affairs of the West End Land Company and the Gordan Land Company, being manager of the former and treasurer of the latter organization.

Mr. Stocking was married (first) on January 4, 1866, to Mary Elizabeth Hallam, who died February 2, 1881. Three children were born of this marriage, Hugh, Harry and Maud. On March 17, 1883, Mr. Stocking married for his second wife Miss Mary Josephine Robinson, of Coshocton, Ohio, whose death occurred September 2, 1907. She was a great-granddaughter of General Robinson, who acquired 3,000 acres of government land in the Muskingum Valley, Ohio.

Mr. Stocking is quite a traveler, having been in nearly every state in the Union, also two provinces of Canada. He has been in every country in Europe with the exception of four, and has also visited northern Africa and the Holy Land. In 1909 he was a member of the Clark excursion party, which made a trip around the world, visiting all prominent foreign cities.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, a prominent citizen and successful agriculturist of Hopewell Township, resides on his very valuable farm of 230 acres, on which he was born, in September, 1863, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Anderson) Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton is the eldest



of three children, the others being: Benjamin and Mary, the latter of whom is the wife of George D. Scott, residing in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pa.

Robert Hamilton, the great-grandfather of Alexander, came from Ireland and located in Canton Township, Washington County. His son, Alexander Hamilton, grandfather of the present Alexander, came to the farm which the latter owns, in Hopewell Township, and lived here until his death. He married a member of the old Smiley family. The second Robert Hamilton, father of our subject, lived on this farm until within a few years of his death, which occurred in Buffalo.

Alexander Hamilton attended the public schools with more or less regularity until he was 20 years of age and then turned his full attention to farming and stock raising. He carries on his work in a scientific manner and along modern lines. He raises a large amount of registered stock, having Aberdeen Angus cattle and thoroughbred Duroc hogs. Before they are marketed, his cattle and stock present so beautiful a picture as they are browsing or feeding in the rich pastures where they have been raised, that no painting of a rural scene hanging in any celebrated gallery can compare with this bit of Nature. Mr. Hamilton has productive fields and abundant orchards and is justly numbered with Hopewell Township's substantial and prosperous citizens. In 1893 he was married to Miss Urania B. Taggart, a daughter of James and Margaret Taggart, residents of Canton Township, Washington County. They have six children: John A., Robert, Mary M., Fannie, Florence G. and James T. They all are in school and will be given the best of educational advantages. Mr. Hamilton and family are members of the Presbyterian Church in which he is a trustee. In politics he is a staunch Republican and at different times has held township offices. He is general manager and one of the board of directors of the Buffalo Telephone Company.

WILLIAM H. RICHARDS, who, for the past five years has been in charge of the Standard Tin Plate Company, of Canonsburg, Pa., as general manager, is a man thoroughly experienced in this line of business and is well qualified also for executive work. He was born in Staffordshire, England, Mar. 16, 1858, and is a son of William and Sarah (Sheldon) Richards. On the paternal side he is of Welsh extraction and on the maternal, of English ancestry.

Mr. Richards came to America in April, 1873, when 15 years old, and had then been a worker in the steel and tin plate mills for four years. He secured employment at Leechburg, Armstrong County, Pa., and remained there for three years, going then to the mills at McKeesport, where he worked until 1879, when he came to Canonsburg. Here he engaged in the sheet

iron business as assistant superintendent and roller. In 1902 he went to New Kensington, where he was put in charge of the erection of the Goldsmith and Lonsberg Tin Plate Company plant and had charge of the same, and was also in the employ of the American Tin Plate Company and remained at New Kensington for ten years, when he was transferred to the Demler plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, at McKeesport, as general superintendent. He remained there until he came to Canonsburg again, in order to take charge of the Standard Tin Plate Company as manager. He is a stockholder in this enterprise, which is the largest concern in the line of manufacturing, at Canonsburg. The business is one of great importance and the payroll is the largest in the city.

The Standard Tin Plate Company of Canonsburg was organized in 1892, with local capital, the capital stock being originally \$300,000. In 1908 the majority of the stock was transferred to the Standard Tin Plate Company. Since the erection of the plant in 1892 it has been enlarged and now covers 20 acres and is modern in every particular. It has on its payrolls 800 employees and makes a specialty of the manufacturing of black plate and tin plates. W. H. Richards is the general manager, and Louis Pollett is secretary.

In August, 1878, Mr. Richards was married to Miss Annie Lewis, a daughter of Mark and Sarah Lewis, then of McKeesport, but a native of Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have four children, namely: W. B., who is employed in the Standard Tin Plate Works as a roller, married Miss Lulu Pollard, of Canonsburg; Mark James, who is also identified with the Tin Plate Works in an official position, married Miss Mollie Williams; and Bertha May and Roy W., the latter being yet a student. The family home is situated on Pike street, Canonsburg. In politics, Mr. Richards is a Republican and has always taken an intelligent interest in the political affairs particularly relating to his place of residence, served several terms on the Council in Canonsburg, and while living at New Kensington, served as a member of the town Council. He belongs to Canonsburg Lodge No. 297, F. & A. M.; to the Elks, at New Kensington, and to the Royal Arcanum at Canonsburg. In his official position, Mr. Richards enjoys deserved popularity with his great army of employees. While a strict disciplinarian, he is a man who can recognize merit wherever he sees it and possesses the tact, judgment and discretion which must be the qualities a successful manager of men must have.

ABEL M. EVANS was a lifelong resident of Amwell Township. His father, Joseph Evans, was an early and well known settler and was one of the founders and elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this

section. Abel M. Evans was an extensive farmer and besides being a man of ample fortune, was also a leader in all matters concerning the general welfare of his community. He served for many years as justice of the peace and as an administrator of estates. He was also county commissioner for one term. The Evans family has always been attached to the Presbyterian faith and Abel M. Evans was one of the elders of the church of that denomination at Ten-Mile. He married Elma Baker, a member of a prominent family of the county, and six of their children now survive, namely: Nathan B., residing at Ten-Mile, this county; Elizabeth S., wife of A. B. Sampson, of Washington; Lucinda J., widow of John T. Reynolds, residing at Ten-Mile; E. Baker, living at Washington, D. C.; Victorine C., wife of James E. Wood, of Waynesburg; and William M., of Ten-Mile.

Nathan B. Evans was born near Baker's Station, in Amwell Township, Aug. 21, 1843, and removed with his parents to Ten-Mile in 1857 and was educated in the local schools. On Aug. 22, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. D, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was honorably discharged from the service in June, 1865. He was six months a prisoner after the second day of the Gettysburg battle. He then returned to his parental home on Ten-Mile and to the farm which has been his home ever since.

Mr. Evans has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, has long served on the township school board and has been its president. He is president also of the board of trustees of Waynesburg College. He is an elder in the Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church and has also been active in Sunday-school work, for years serving as superintendent of that school. He is a member of Philo Paul Post, G. A. R., of Amity. This Post has become almost extinct because of the death or removal of members, nearly all of whom went into the Civil War from the Amity neighborhood.

RANSOM M. DAY, a contract driller and one of the representative business men of Washington, was born in 1870 in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Stephen B. Day, a prominent citizen of Washington County.

R. M. Day was reared in Amwell Township, where he attended the common schools, afterwards taking a course at Duquesne College, and later graduating with the class of 1891 from the State Normal School at California, Pa. He then taught school for four years, after which he spent five years in Pittsburg as assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, since which time he has been engaged in contract drilling for different coal companies in Western Penn-

sylvania, and is at present drilling in Guernsey County, Ohio, for the Cambridge Collieries Company. Mr. Day is a stockholder in various enterprises of this locality, and is one of the public spirited and enterprising men of Washington.

In 1892, Mr. Day was joined in marriage with Minnie Chambers, who comes of one of the old established families of Washington County, and is a daughter of John Chambers of Amwell Township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Day: Earl C., Clark E. and Harold R. Mr. Day is a member of the First Christian Church.

A. M. ARMOR, a retired farmer of Hanover Township, residing at Burgettstown, owns very valuable farming lands in Washington County, consisting of two farms aggregating 165 acres, which are situated in Hanover Township. He was born in that township Oct. 30, 1833, and is a son of James and Nancy (McCandless) Armor.

The grandfather of Mr. Armor was the first of the family to come to Washington County and he entered 400 acres of land for himself and 400 acres for a brother. His son, James Armor, was born in Hanover Township and resided on the same farm until his death, that being the land seceded by his father, Thomas Armor. It is now divided into three portions, 141, 165 and 138 acres each, all owned by three sons of James Armor and all adjoining. James Armor was a leading citizen of Hanover Township and served in many public capacities. He was a Democrat and on the Democratic ticket was elected township assessor and road supervisor, the duties of which he performed with the greatest care, honesty and faithfulness. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, (first) to Margaret Wilson, who, at death left four children: John, Thomas, Margaret Ann and an infant. Her burial was in the Florence Cemetery. His second marriage was to Nancy McCandless, a daughter of Alexander McCandless, and they had five children, namely: A. M., James R., William S., Jennie and George P.

A. M. Armor attended the schools of Hanover Township when he was young and then commenced to help his father on the farm and has owned land ever since he reached man's estate. His farms in Hanover Township are well improved and he put up all the buildings now standing. He has almost all of the land free of timber, having cleared 45 acres himself. There may be coal deposits, but he has never experimented for them, but he has eight oil and gas wells that are of value. During the whole of his active life he carried on general farming.

Mr. Armor was married (first) Oct. 26, 1865, to Ann Maria Moreland, a daughter of John Moreland, who died Mar. 17, 1880. Her burial was in the Hopewell

Cemetery. He was married (second) to Mrs. Rebecca A. McChuskey, who died May 22, 1908. No children were born to either marriage, but his second wife had one daughter, Mary W., by her first marriage, who resides with Mr. Armor. Both wives were most estimable women. Mr. Armor is a member and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown and before leaving his farm was an elder in the Hebron Church. In politics he is a Democrat and served three terms as assessor of Hanover Township and many terms as a school director. He is a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank. The Armor family is one of the old and substantial ones of the county and its men have been noted for their usefulness to their communities and for their general good citizenship.

DAVID R. McNARY, one of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens of Robeson Township, who, for 23 years has been a valued resident of McDonald, where he now lives retired, was born on his father's farm in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., where East Canonsburg is now located, Mar. 27, 1831. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Van Volkenburg) McNary.

The parents of Mr. McNary are both deceased. The father was twice married, nine children being born to the first union and six to his marriage with Elizabeth Van Volkenburg. Of the latter family, David R. McNary was the second in order of birth, the others being: Elizabeth, who is now deceased, was the wife of James Templeton; William M.; Levinia, who married John Wesley; George; Sarah, who married Milberry Douglass; and Nancy, who married Alexander McCloy.

David R. McNary remained on the home farm until he was 21 years of age. He first attended the Oram school in Chartiers Township, when his teacher was John Curry, who afterwards established Curry Institute at Pittsburg. After leaving home, Mr. McNary attended this institute conducted by his old preceptor and then took a three-year scientific course at Jefferson College. Later he attended two terms at the State Normal School at Millersville, coming under the direct instruction of Prof. J. P. Wickersham, who not only organized that school, but who became the first state superintendent by executive appointment. Subsequently, Mr. McNary graduated from Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, and for several years was engaged successfully as a school teacher and during 1858-59 was postmaster at Munn-town.

During the Civil War, Mr. McNary was employed in the building of government boats at the works at Soho, Pittsburg, and assisted in the construction of the Maneyunk and the Umque, used on the southern Mississippi River. He also served for eight years as freight agent on the Panhandle Railroad, at Sturgeon, a station

then called Willow Grove. For some years he has been devoting the larger part of his time to looking after valuable realty that he owns at McDonald.

On Oct. 4, 1859, Mr. McNary was married by the Rev. James Sloan, then pastor of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, to Miss Mary A. Munn, who was born at Munn-town, Pa., Mar. 8, 1839. This town was named for her grandfather, Samuel Munn, who was a large land owner, possessing several entire sections. The burden of paying taxes, however, was so great, that he traded one section of land for one ewe lamb, and it is thought probable that this was the first Merino sheep introduced here, the beginning of an industry that has made Washington County one of the greatest sheep growing counties in the United States. Her parents were John and Louisa (McDonald) Munn. She has one brother, Samuel A., and one sister, Matilda. To Mr. and Mrs. McNary the following children were born: Ida Mary, who is the wife of Thomas Grant, of Sheridan, Pa.; Elizabeth Ora, who is the wife of Stewart C. Galey, of Columbus, Ohio; John and S. A., both residing at Sheridan; and Clara, who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. McNary have but recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding and the pleasure of the occasion was dimmed by no absent faces, all the children of the family being living, together with 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. More than usual interest was shown in this celebration on account of the prominence of the participants. Kindred came from far and near, while friends and neighbors manifested a desire to participate in the festivities and to take the opportunity of showing their regard.

Mr. McNary has been a useful citizen and has served on the borough council. He is a member of Garfield Lodge, F. & A. M., at McDonald and of Cyrus Chapter at Carnegie. He is a member of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church.

J. W. MANON, D. D. S., one of the prominent dental surgeons of Charleroi, Pa., who has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in this city since September, 1897, was born Nov. 3, 1869, at Van Buren, Pa., and is a son of William A. and Hannah (Chadwick) Manon, the former of whom was a blacksmith by trade, and died in 1904. The mother is still living, and is a resident of Pittsburg.

J. W. Manon was reared at Van Buren, where he attended the common schools and learned the blacksmith trade, after which he ran a shop at Lagonda for one and one-half years. He then attended the State Normal School at California, Pa., after which he taught school in South Franklin and Independence Townships, Washington County, for three years. He then took a course in dental surgery at the Pennsylvania Dental College at

Philadelphia, from which he graduated in the spring of 1897, and in September of that same year came to Charleroi, where he has offices over Piper's drug store. He has won the esteem and confidence of the public, and the professional success which he has gained has been well merited. Dr. Manon is the owner of the Manon Building, containing four flats, and office rooms, on Fallowfield avenue, and is also the owner of several other valuable properties in Charleroi. He served from 1906 until June, 1909, as a member of the school board, of which he was secretary during the years 1906-07, and was president of that body during the last year of his membership. He is fraternally a member of the Masonic order, and his religious connection is with the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Manon married Orpha P. Grim, who was born and reared in Greene County, Pa., and came to Washington County, with her father, Harvey Grim, who settled near Old Concord. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Manon: J. Paul, who was born Oct. 25, 1899; Irene Elizabeth, who was born July 10, 1903, and Virginia Mae, who was born May 11, 1909.

WILLIAM A. McKAY, who is engaged in the wholesale manufacturing of ice cream, at Washington, Pa., with plant at Nos. 7-9 Sumner street, is a leading citizen and representative business man of the place. He was born at Washington, Pa., May 21, 1869, and is a son of G. W. and Susan Elizabeth (Pease) McKay.

Mr. McKay is a representative of some of the oldest and most honorable of the Washington County families. His maternal great-grandfather, Andrew Pease, was probably one of the first settlers in the county, and his son, Andrew Pease, was a man of great prominence in pioneer days. His daughter, the mother of William A. McKay, was born in 1843 and still survives, residing with her only surviving child. On the paternal side the grandfather was William McKay, who was one of the earliest cabinetmakers to settle near Washington. His son, the late George W. McKay, was born near Claysville, Washington County, and during his active years worked at the shoemaking trade. His death occurred in 1909. Mrs. McKay was one of a family of nine children and is one of the six survivors, the others being: Zachariah, who lives in Indiana; Maria C., who married George W. Teegarden, lives in Illinois; Rebecca Ellen, who lives in Washington County; Andrew J., who lives on the old Pease homestead; and J. C. C., who is a resident of Washington County.

William A. McKay was reared and attended school at Washington and during his early manhood engaged in clerking, later embarked in a restaurant and confectionary business, and in the spring of 1897 started

his present enterprise. He does a large wholesale business and has also an excellent retail trade.

Mr. McKay was married in 1892, to Miss Emma J. Miller, who is a daughter of Simon P. Miller, of Greensburg, Pa., and they had two daughters: Mildred A. and Lilly Irene. The beloved wife and mother died November 12, 1908. Mr. McKay and daughters are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Eagles and the Maccabees.

REV. THOMAS PATTERSON, deceased, for many years was one of the ablest preachers in the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he was admitted in 1866, and remained a faithful member of that body until the time of his death, which occurred while he was, as he himself would have wished it, in the performance of his ministerial duties. The message came to him while attending a conference session, at Bellevue, Pa., and he passed quietly away on Friday evening, October 8, 1909.

Thomas Patterson was born June 3, 1835, near Ten Mile, Pa., and was a son of John and Jane (Simpson) Patterson. John Patterson was born in Ireland and when he emigrated to America, came to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm near Marianna, Washington Co., Pa., which remained in the family until after the death of one of his sons, Samuel Patterson, who lived and died there, and it is now the property of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company.

The following children were born to John and Jane Patterson: Catherine, who was born January 25, 1812, married James Wherry; Rebecca, who was born December 6, 1813, married John Bungardner and they lived at Amity, Pa.; Elizabeth, who was born September 8, 1815, married Levi Hopkins; Jane, who was born April 1, 1817, married Palmer Baker; Sarah, who was born July 16, 1819, married Levi Dawson; Andrew, who was born Mar. 20, 1821; John, who was born Feb. 1, 1823, never married; Samuel, who was born Dec. 15, 1824; Ann, who was born in January, 1827; Mary, who was born Dec. 5, 1828, is the widow of Joseph Siebert and resides at Washington, being the only surviving member of the family; Thomas, who was the youngest, was, as stated above, born in 1835. Through intermarriage the Patterson family is connected with many other leading families, both in Washington and in Greene Counties.

Thomas Patterson was educated in the public schools and in Waynesburg College, his studies from early youth being directed along theological lines. While still at college the great Civil War was declared and with the loyal enthusiasm of youth he determined to do his part in the suppression of rebellion. He enlisted in the famous Ringgold Cavalry regiment, which was after-



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wards organized as the 22nd Pa. Cav. and at this time he was chosen as chaplain of the regiment. He continued in the army until the end of hostilities and was mustered out of the service in October, 1865, his regiment then being known as the 3rd Pa. Prov. Cav. He participated in many of the severest engagements of the war, among which was the battle of Winchester, or Cedar Creek. Years afterward, Rev. Mr. Patterson would glow with enthusiasm in speaking of the gallant Gen. Sheridan, his commander, who turned defeat into victory on that day. His own victories, in an entirely different way, were no less wonderful and there are many now living who can testify to the triumphs secured for them by him, as commander of spiritual forces.

After he returned from the army, Mr. Patterson completed his theological studies and was admitted to the Pittsburgh Conference. For 35 years he preached constantly at regular appointments, until failing health prevented his accepting such work. In all his years of ministry he served every appointment to which he was assigned for the full time limit. He served five years at Waynesburg and also was pastor of the churches at Johnstown, Leechburg and Canonsburg. On the last Sabbath of his life he conducted the service of Holy Communion at Canonsburg, in the church building which was erected during his pastorate there. He was not only a deep thinker and earnest student and a courageous supporter of what he deemed his ministerial mission, but as a man he was kind hearted, tactful and naturally sympathetic. He thus commanded both the intellects and the hearts of his people.

Thomas Patterson was united in marriage with Miss Emma Virginia Black, a daughter of James A. and Sarah (Steel) Black, of Greene County, Pa. The father of Mrs. Patterson is living, aged 87 years, a son of James H. Black. The Black family has been prominently identified with public affairs in Greene County. When the great-grandfather, Benjamin Black, was a member of the State Legislature, he was the youngest serving in that body. It was Charles A. Black, a young attorney of Greene County, who compiled the first school laws of Pennsylvania. The venerable mother of Mrs. Patterson also survives. She was born near Philadelphia. Her father was James Steel, a miller by trade, of Quaker extraction. He lived for a short time in Fayette County, Pa. His death was occasioned by an attack of cholera. One daughter, Miss Mary Patterson, survives and resides with her mother at Canonsburg.

ADAM COON SAMPSON, deceased, was one of the leading business men of Monongahela City, and was one of the organizers of the Peoples Bank, now the Monongahela City Trust Company. He was born at Long Run, Allegheny County, Pa., a son of Thomas and Anna

(Coon) Sampson, and died May 10, 1872, at the age of 49 years. During his early life he engaged in the insurance business, having a general agency through the western portion of Pennsylvania, and in 1871, with James Sampson, J. B. Finley and others, established at Monongahela City the Peoples' Bank, of which he served until his death as president, with James Sampson, as vice president, and J. E. Finley, cashier. In fraternal circles he held membership with the I. O. O. F. and the Masons, and his religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he was a Republican.

Mr. Sampson was first united in marriage with Margaret Williams, after whose death he married Fanny Moore, who also died, and on Nov. 11, 1862, he married Letitia S. Manown. They became the parents of the following children: Anna Kuhn, deceased, married Dr. William Boyde, deceased; Sarah Manown; Letitia, married Edward Brubaker, and died, leaving one son, Henry, who was reared by her mother, Mrs. Sampson, and he is a graduate of Bliss College of Washington, D. C., and is engaged as an electrical engineer at Donora, Pa.; Adam Coon, deceased, married Annetta Yehe, by whom he had two children, Lois and Adam Coon; and Harriet L., who is the wife of Attorney W. K. Vance, has two children, Willison K. and Adam Sampson.

Letitia S. (Manown) Sampson, widow of our subject, was born May 16, 1832, on her father's farm just across the Monongahela River, and is a daughter of James and Cassandra (Devore) Manown. James Manown was born in County Down, Ireland, and in 1798 came to America with his parents, Richard and Abigail (Smith) Manown, who settled near Round Hill, then Westmoreland County, and now known as Allegheny County, and was one of five children born to his parents: Peggy, who is the wife of Robin Baillie; John; William; James, father of Mrs. Sampson; and Richard. James Manown married Cassandra (Devore) Elliott, a daughter of David Devore, who was the first to obtain a license to run a ferry between Monongahela City and the bridge on the other side of the river. He married the widow of George Elliott, who was drowned while trying to save their son Burnsides. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott also had a daughter, namely, Patience, the deceased wife of Benjamin Davis, who is also deceased. Her union with James Manown resulted in the birth of the following children: Franklin, deceased; Eliza, deceased, married A. Vankirk, also deceased; Nancy Ann, deceased, was the wife of John Thirkield, deceased; Cassandra, deceased wife of Alfred Thirkield, also deceased; Dr. James H. Manown, of West Virginia; Harriet P., widow of James Moore; Sarah, deceased; Letitia, widow of Adam Coon Sampson, our subject; and three who died in childhood.

Mrs. Sampson was reared on her father's farm and

obtained her educational training at the township schools and a private school at Monongahela City, after which she graduated from the Washington Seminary with the class of 1852. She was united in marriage with Mr. Sampson in 1862 and since his death has continued to reside in the family residence which was erected by him in 1863, and which is located on the corner of Main and Fifth streets. Mrs. Sampson is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, among whom she has spent the greater part of her life. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was for a number of years president of the Missionary Society.

ROBERT S. FLANEGIN, general merchant and postmaster at Woodrow, Washington County, Pa., and also agent for the Wabash Railroad at this point, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Sept. 30, 1873, and is a son of Robert and Esther Flanegin and is the youngest of their family of children, as follows: Emma J., who married W. S. Noah, resides in Mt. Pleasant Township; Agnes E., who is now deceased, was the wife of William Philips; and E. Harriet, who is the wife of J. H. Gorman, of Canonsburg.

Robert S. Flanegin attended the public schools of Mt. Pleasant Township and continued and completed his education at the academies at Hickory and Buffalo. When 18 years of age he became a farmer and continued an agricultural life for several years, after which he went to Woodrow and there entered the employ of C. M. Marquis as a clerk for a time and then went back to the farm, but when J. S. Buchanan bought the store from Mr. Marquis, he installed Mr. Flanegin as manager. Mr. Buchanan subsequently went out of business and Mr. Flanegin secured the location and opened up a store of his own. Where others had practically failed he succeeded and is now starting on his fourth year with the brightest of prospects. He has a reputation for business honesty as well as capacity and a liberal patronage is accorded him from the adjacent country. In 1905 he was appointed postmaster and the business of the office has grown to be so important that on Oct. 1, 1909, a money order system was installed. He is also the accommodating ticket agent for the Wabash Railroad and in every way is a popular citizen of this community.

Mr. Flanegin was married in October, 1896, to Miss Georgia A. Holmes, a daughter of John and Mary Holmes, of Hopewell Township. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Hickory. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a stockholder in the Hickory and Woodrow Telephone Company.

S. GILLMORE DICKSON, who conducts a fire insurance business at Canonsburg, being one of the leading men in this line in the borough, was born in Washington County, Pa., in the old tollgate house two miles east

of this place, near Morganza Station, Feb. 29, 1864. His parents were William and Margaret J. (Ferguson) Dickson.

William Dickson was born in Ireland and in early manhood, about 1856, came to America, made his way to Pittsburg and later joined an uncle who was living at Canonsburg. He soon found work in the mill of James Berry and later was employed on the farm of Israel Haines in North Strabane Township, and also operated the farm of William Martin, now deceased, who was for many years president of the First National Bank. On Oct. 4, 1859, he married Margaret J. Ferguson, who was born on East College street, Canonsburg, a daughter of Thomas Ferguson, a stone mason, who died in 1864. Both William Dickson and wife survive and they reside at Canonsburg. Eight children were born to them, four sons and four daughters, namely: Thomas F., residing at Bower Hill; Lizzie M., wife of G. A. Crumm, a rural mail carrier, at Canonsburg; S. Gillmore; William Martin, residing at Canonsburg; Cora A., Margaret P. and Ada B., residing at home; and Alvin H., employed at the Fort Pitt Bridge Works.

S. Gillmore Dickson attended the local schools, then engaged in farming, after which he was employed for four years at the Pennsylvania Reform School at Morganza, and in 1895 he came to Canonsburg and embarked in the fire insurance business. He represents a number of the leading companies and through his careful and close attention to all risks and his promptness in settling all losses, he has built up an excellent business.

In 1898, Mr. Dickson was married to Miss Emma Hess, of Chartiers Township, and they have two children: Agnes J. and Mary E. Mr. Dickson and wife are members of the Central Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Dickson prior to her marriage, made her home with her great uncle, Adam Edgar, of an old Washington County family. He died at Canonsburg in June, 1902, at the age of 82 years.

AARON K. LYLE, superintendent of the Highland Glass Company Factory No. 1, and identified with other business enterprises at Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city for ten years. He was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1870.

Capt. William K. Lyle, father of Aaron K., was born in Washington County, in 1833, and for a number of years engaged in farming and stock raising in Smith Township. He served with gallantry in the Civil War and was captain of his company. He was active in public affairs in Washington County and for six years was superintendent of the Children's Home. In 1905 he retired to Crafton, Allegheny County, where he now resides. He married Jane A. Cooke, who is now deceased,



and five of their children still survive, namely: Josephine, who is the wife of C. A. Dally, of Allegheny County; Harriet, who resides with her father; Wilfred C., a civil engineer employed by the government, at present being on the Tennessee River; Janet, who resides with her father at Crafton; and Aaron K.

Aaron K. Lyle was reared in Washington County and was educated in the public schools and Oakdale Academy, at Oakdale, Allegheny County. His first business engagement was with the Washington Carbon Company, where he remained five years and then accepted a position with the Highland Glass Company, starting in as a packer and shipper and rising step by step, until, in 1906 he was made night superintendent. He is recognized as a capable, reliable man in a position that requires technical knowledge as well as executive ability. During the Spanish-American War, Mr. Lyle served as a member of Co. C, 14th Pa. Vol. Inf.

In 1901, Mr. Lyle was married to Miss Mary Belle Galbraith, who was born in Smith Township and is a daughter of the late William Reed Galbraith, who was a leading merchant at Burgettstown for ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle have one son, Aaron K., Jr. They are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Lyle is a deacon. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and is identified with both lodge and Encampment.

LEMAN CARSON, one of the large wool growers of Blaine Township, Washington County, who also devotes his land to general farming and stock raising, has over 100 acres and this is the old homestead on which he was born, it then being in Buffalo Township, Mar. 26, 1849. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Wright) Carson.

Both parents of Mr. Carson were born in Washington County and both are now deceased, the father's death occurring on Jan. 15, 1865, and the mother's on Jan. 5, 1886. They are survived by four children: Rachel, who is the widow of Henry C. Noble, resides at Claysville, Pa.; Isaac, who lives in Missouri; Samuel W., Buffalo Township, and Lemman, of Blaine Township.

Lemman Carson was reared on the old place and secured his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He is numbered with the successful agriculturists of the township and does a large amount of business in wool, raising the Merino sheep for this special purpose. He also has several producing oil wells. Mr. Carson is a director in the Farmers' National Bank of Claysville. In politics, he is a Democrat. For a number of years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church at Claysville, in which he is an elder.

Aug. 3, 1887, Mr. Carson was married to Margaret Gillespie, of Blaine Township, and they have one son, William, who resides at home.

J. WILBUR MUNNELL, who is officiating as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Canonsburg, is a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Washington County, with the leading affairs of which it has been more or less identified ever since, being active in advancing business interests and thus contributing to the general prosperity. Mr. Munnell was born near Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., Apr. 28, 1867, and is a son of James and Sarah (Grandstaff) Munnell.

James Munnell, the father, was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, in 1837, and is a resident of Crafton, in Allegheny County. His father, Samuel Munnell, was also born in South Strabane Township and his mother in Butler County and was a member of the well-known McQuistan family. James Munnell married Sarah Grandstaff, who was born at Moundsville, W. Va. She lived into her 70th year, passing away on July 28, 1908. The following children were born to James and Sarah Munnell: Mary, who is the widow of W. K. Galbreath, a former postmaster at Canonsburg; Catherine D., who died in 1882, when aged 17 years; J. Wilbur; J. Franklin, who is engaged in theatrical work; Jean B., who is the wife of George White, of Swissvale, Pa.; Maud H., who resides at Canonsburg; Thomas, who died in infancy; and Zella, who resides at home.

J. Wilbur Munnell was a mere child when his parents came from the farm to Canonsburg and here he attended the public schools and Jefferson Academy. He was about 18 years of age when he started to work with his father at the carpenter trade, but shortly afterward secured a position in the Canonsburg Bank, Limited, which institution was reorganized in the following year, 1891, and he has been identified with it ever since. From being bookkeeper, Mr. Munnell advanced through his capacity and proved fidelity to be teller, and later to the position of assistant cashier. In all his business dealings he has shown superior qualifications, and his pleasing, courteous manner has been generally appreciated by the patrons of the First National. Many of his acquaintances have known him from childhood and his friends have watched his advancement with pleasure.

In 1891, Mr. Munnell was married to Miss Catherine J. McNutt, a daughter of William and Nancy (Weaver) McNutt, of Washington County, and they have a family of four children: Helen W., Catherine G., James W. and Paul D. Mr. and Mrs. Munnell are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, of which he is treasurer. Like his father he is identified with the Democratic party and for some years served as borough auditor. He is one of Canonsburg's representative men.

CHARLES M. MARQUIS, a leading citizen, general farmer and stock raiser of Cross Creek Township, Wash-

ington County, Pa., is one of the substantial men of this section, owning over 200 acres of valuable land. He was born in this township Nov. 3, 1872, and his parents are Simeon and Caroline (Stevenson) Marquis.

Simeon Marquis was born in Cross Creek Township and is a son of William Marquis, who was probably born and spent his life in the same township. Simeon engaged in agricultural pursuits and always lived on the homestead near Cross Creek village. He was married (first) to Sarah Mason and they had four children. His second marriage was to Caroline Stevenson.

Charles M. Marquis, with his brother, James M., who now lives in Mt. Pleasant Township, attended the district schools, after which he was a student in the Cross Creek Academy and later attended Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, where he was graduated. At the age of 20 years he settled down to farming and continued for six years, when he went into the mercantile business and conducted a store at Woodrow for six years, after which he resumed his agricultural pursuits. His land is well cultivated and he gives much care and time to raising fine stock and has made sheep something of a specialty.

In August, 1898, Mr. Marquis was married to Miss Bessie Jeffrey, a daughter of R. G. Jeffrey, of Cross Creek Township, and they have had the following children: Belle, Margaret, Robert, Raymond, Mary and Ruth. Two of their little ones have passed away, Belle and Robert. Mr. Marquis and wife are members of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, of which he formerly was a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat as was his father before him.

JAMES E. DUNCAN, Jr., secretary of the Duncan & Miller Glass Company, is one of Washington's leading business men, being also president of the Donely Brick Company and vice president of the Capitol Paint, Oil and Varnish Company. He was born at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of James E. and Anna (Patterson) Duncan.

The late James E. Duncan was prominently identified with the iron and glass manufacturing interests of Western Pennsylvania. He was a native of Pittsburg and was a son of George Duncan, who was the founder of the business now conducted under the name of the Duncan & Miller Glass Company. James E. Duncan moved his glass manufacturing plant from Pittsburg to Washington and did business under the title of George Duncan's Sons and in 1900 the present style was adopted when the business was incorporated. James E. Duncan continued his active interest in the business until his death in January, 1900. He married Miss Anna Patterson, who was born at Pittsburg and was a daughter of Andrew Patterson, who was directly concerned

in many important Pittsburg enterprises and owned much real estate. Four children were born to this marriage, the three survivors being: James E., Jr.; Andrew P.; and Amelia P., who is the wife of W. H. Baker, who is a son of N. R. Baker, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank at Washington.

James E. Duncan, Jr., attended the public schools of Pittsburg and was also instructed by private tutors, later entering Washington and Jefferson College. In 1896 he entered the glass factory of George Duncan's Sons and when the business was incorporated, following the death of his father, he became secretary, a responsible position he has filled ever since.

Mr. Duncan is a Thirty-second degree Mason and is present master of Sunset Lodge No. 623, F. & A. M., Washington. He is also a member of the Elks and of the Bassett Club. Mr. Duncan attends the First Methodist Church in this city.

JAMES W. McDOWELL, of J. W. McDowell & Son, a prominent law firm of Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city since February, 1873. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1842, and is a son of John and a grandson of James McDowell.

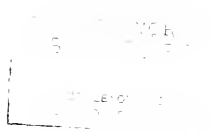
The grandfather, James McDowell, came to Washington County from Lancaster County, Pa., in 1787, being one of the pioneer settlers here. John McDowell, son of James, was born on the pioneer farm in 1811 and his son, James W., had the same birthplace. John McDowell was engaged in farming and was also extensively interested in the sheep industry. He was a man of local prominence and sterling character. He died in 1886.

James W. McDowell was reared and educated in his native county, graduating first from Jefferson College at Canonsburg and in 1866 receiving his diploma from Washington and Jefferson College, the year of the college consolidation. He then entered upon the study of law with William Montgomery and in 1869 was admitted to the bar of Washington County; afterward he was admitted to the bar in Allegheny County. After two years of successful practice in Pittsburg, he came to Washington and has since continued here, practicing alone until his son became associated with him, on Sept. 3, 1900. The combination is considered a strong one and the firm appears in much of the important litigation and court business in this section of the county.

Mr. McDowell was married Sept. 23, 1869, to Miss Nancy J. Rea, a daughter of Joseph Rea, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have two sons: John W., who is the junior partner of the law firm of J. W. McDowell & Son, and Joseph Rea. The latter, who is a graduate of Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, is agent for



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the Adams Express Company at Washington. He married Miss Eleanor Little and they are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

John W. McDowell was born in 1875, at Washington, Pa., and in 1896 was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College. He studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar Sept. 3, 1900. Both members of the firm practice in all the courts of the State. In 1908 he was married to Miss Sarah Margaret Junk, a daughter of the late James Junk. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. John W. McDowell was one of the organizers and is a member of the exclusive Bassett Club and he is a Freemason. At different times he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Democratic County Committee.

James W. McDowell is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat and has served in the borough Council and as a member of the school board. He is prominent in Masonry and at present is serving as District Deputy Grand Master of the Southwestern District of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of Pennsylvania. Aside from his profession, Mr. McDowell has large business interests.

ROBERT M. DICKSON, senior member of the firm of Dickson & Wallace, leading business men at Midway, dealing in hardware and builders' supplies and maintaining a lumber yard, was born in Washington County, Pa., Feb. 23, 1863, and is a son of William A. and Elizabeth (McBurney) Dickson.

The father of Mr. Dickson died in 1895, having spent all his active life as a farmer. His widow survives and resides at Crafton. Their family consisted of the following children: Margaret G., Elizabeth W., Robert M., Anna, W. R., Agnes J., Walter E. and Bertha L., now deceased. Of the above, Anna is the wife of Rev. W. E. E. Barcus, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church; W. R. is a practicing physician at McDonald, Pa., and Walter E., a dentist at Burgettstown, Pa.

Robert M. Dickson attended Ingleside Academy at McDonald, at that time a flourishing school, and then took a commercial course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, Pa., after which he assisted his father and remained on the home farm until 1895, when he came to Midway and embarked in his present business. He has been a very useful and active citizen, serving on the township school board before the borough was organized and frequently on the Council since. He is identified with the Republican party.

In 1895, Mr. Dickson was married to Miss Ina M. Andrews, of Burgettstown, Pa., and they have two children: William A. and Elizabeth R., both of whom re-

side at home. Mr. Dickson's paternal grandparents were William and Margaret (Glen) Dickson, and the maternal, Robert and Eliza (Welch) McBurney, all these names being representative ones in Washington County.

CHARLES SOMERVILLE CRALL, member of the firm of I. Shelby Crall Company, of Monongahela City, Pa., who are extensive growers and shippers of flowers and vegetables, was born Nov. 1, 1861, in Nevada County, Cal., and is a son of I. Shelby and Sarah (Somerville) Crall.

I. Shelby Crall was born in Fayette County, Pa., where he grew to manhood and learned the iron moulder trade. He then ran a foundry in Allegheny County until 1851, when the plant was destroyed by fire, and the following year, in company with others from Monongahela City, he went to California, where he met with much success in the mines. In 1866 he returned to Monongahela City with the intention of retiring from business activities, but the following year established the plant of the I. Shelby Crall & Company. He had always been fond of flowers and plants and had a private greenhouse at his residence, but the flowers and plants attracted the attention of his friends and neighbors, who wanted to buy them, and in a short time he had established such an extensive business, that he was obliged to obtain larger quarters, and purchased a tract of 70 acres, upon which the present plant was established. This land was at one time an old Indian camping ground, as is shown by the large Indian mound, and many cooking utensils and other Indian relics have been discovered buried on it. Subsequently 30 acres of the land were disposed of in building lots, and Mr. Crall continued in the business until the time of his death in 1901, at the age of 74 years. He married Sarah Somerville, who was born in Jefferson County, Pa., and died in 1907, at the age of 68 years. Three children were born of their union: Charles Somerville; Maude A., who is the wife of H. M. Griffith, and James Shelby, all of whom are natives of California.

Charles S. Crall was quite young when his parents removed from California to Monongahela City, Pa., where he was reared and attended the public schools. He left school at an early age to assist his father in the greenhouses, and after the death of his father in 1901, formed a partnership with his brother James, and Harry M. Griffiths, a brother-in-law, and continued in the business under the old firm name of I. Shelby Crall Company. James Crall has charge of the office, Mr. Griffiths is in charge of the retail store located at No. 251-253 Main street, while our subject is overseer of the entire plant, which is located on Fourth street, and consists of 22 greenhouses containing 75,000 square feet of glass and has 1,000 square feet of hot beds. In 1906 Mr.

Crall established a poultry farm on a tract of 30 acres in Carroll Township, where he has 1,000 laying hens, and finds a ready market for his produce at Monongahela City. Mr. Crall is a member of the American Carnation Society, the Pittsburg and Allegheny Gardeners' and Florists' Club, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, is past State Councilor of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and is a trustee of the National Orphans' Home at Tiffin, Ohio, which is under the management of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics, Mr. Crall is identified with the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the Monongahela City council for the past seven years. He holds membership with the Presbyterian church.

D. S. and J. B. TAYLOR, sons of D. S. and Sarah (Oliver) Taylor, are old residents of Smith Township, where each owns an interest in 365 acres of valuable land. The father, D. S. Taylor, was born two miles northeast of Washington, Pa., and was reared on his father's farm, and was a son of Joseph Taylor and a grandson of Hon. Henry Taylor, who was the first judge in Washington County. D. S. Taylor resided in Westmoreland County, Pa., for one year after his marriage but in the spring of 1834 moved back to South Strabane Township, Washington County, and lived there until 1849, when he moved to Adams County, Ohio, for one year, and from there to Smith Township, Washington County, and settled on the farm now owned jointly by his sons, and died there in March, 1888. His burial was in Fairview Cemetery, at Burgettstown. His estate included 256 acres of land at that time. He was a Democrat in politics and at different times had served as school director and road supervisor. He married Sarah Oliver, a daughter of Samuel Oliver. She died in March, 1898. They had the following children: Mary Ann, Joseph, Samuel O., Henry G., William P., Jane Olive, D. S., Jr., J. B. and Matthew, three of these—Joseph, Samuel O. and Matthew—being deceased.

D. S. Taylor, son of D. S. and Sarah (Oliver) Taylor, was born two miles northeast of Washington, Pa., Oct. 7, 1847, and his school days were spent in Smith Township, having come to the present farm with his parents on Apr. 1, 1850, when they came back to Washington County from Adams County, Ohio. Mr. Taylor engaged in farming but became interested also in other enterprises. He is secretary and treasurer of the Burgettstown Publishing Company of Burgettstown, of which he is a large stockholder. He is also a stockholder of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, of which he was formerly vice president; has been either president or vice president of the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown since 1876, with the exception of four years, and for 15 years served as a justice of the peace

in Smith Township. In politics he is a Democrat. He attends the First United Presbyterian Church. He has always shown an interest in educational affairs and is serving as a member of the Smith Township School Board.

J. B. Taylor, son of D. S. and Sarah (Oliver) Taylor, was born in Smith Township, Mar. 30, 1857. He owns a one-half interest in 365 acres in Smith Township and is a substantial as well as a representative citizen. He spent his school days in Smith Township in which the family was reared and with his brother and one sister resides on the old homestead. The place is well improved and all the buildings now standing were erected by J. B. Taylor, as he learned and worked at the carpenter trade for 12 years. Owing to ill health he was obliged to give up his trade and since then has been interested in contracting for steam heat and hot water systems at Burgettstown and in the vicinity. Like his older brother he is a Democrat but mixes little in politics, his main desire being to see good men elected to office. He attends the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown.

JOHN H. McCracken, who is one of Washington's enterprising and wide awake young business men, is a member of the wholesale produce firm of McLeod & McCracken, the operations of which cover a wide radius of territory. Mr. McCracken was born at Wheeling, West Va., in 1878.

Mr. McCracken has been a resident of Washington for 22 years, coming here during his school period. After leaving his books he worked for four years in a grocery house and to the knowledge there gained by close attention to the details of the grocery business may, in large part, be attributed his success when he embarked in the business for himself. Since 1899 he has been in the wholesale produce business and for two years conducted a retail grocery. In 1908 the present firm was organized and it deals extensively in butter, cheese and eggs. The business has continued to increase in volume and the prospects of the firm are bright, dealing as they do in the necessary commodities of daily life, and having a practical knowledge of this line. In 1898, Mr. McCracken was married to Miss Minnie Holder, of Washington, Pa., and they have one daughter, Elizabeth.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, justice of the peace, member of the school board and owner of a magnificent farm of 532 acres, may justly be denominated a leading and representative citizen of Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he was born Oct. 25, 1863. His parents were John and Margaret (Heyburn) Cunningham.

The father of Mr. Cunningham, the late John Cunningham, whose death occurred late in the 90's, was

born in County Down, Ireland, July 24, 1829, and was a son of Peter and Dorothea (Wilkinson) Cunningham. Peter Cunningham engaged in farming to some extent, raised cattle and also worked at the weaving trade. All of his eight children with the exception of John, the firstborn, remained in Ireland. The latter learned the weaving trade from his father but never found the necessity of following it. In 1849 he came to America almost emphysemated, but in a very short time his industry and other good qualities gave him recognition and in a few months he had entered into the employ of James Campsey, a large farmer in Washington County, Pa., and remained there for 14 years. In 1863 he married and for some years afterward rented land from Mr. Campsey, but by 1872 he was able to buy a tract of land, in Donegal Township, and lived there until 1881. He then moved on a part of the Heyburn tract, situated three miles northwest of Claysville, also in Donegal Township, and there resided until his demise. He was a man of sterling character, honest, upright and courageous. He gave support to the Presbyterian Church and in private life was unusually charitable and generous. On Sept. 17, 1863, he was married (first) to Margaret J. Heyburn, who was born in 1840, and died Dec. 25, 1879. Of their children the following survive: John, George, of Vienna, Pa.; Joseph E., of Donegal Township; and Amanda, now Mrs. Miller, of Donegal Township.

John Cunningham, the eldest of the above family, was reared and attended school in Donegal Township and from early youth has been interested extensively in farming and stock raising. He devotes special attention to sheep raising and makes this industry profitable. Following in the steps of his father, he is a staunch party Republican and gives loyal support to its policies. In local matters he is very closely concerned at all times, serving on school and highway boards as the best way to better the conditions of both, and the esteem in which he is held is shown in the fact that he is serving his second term as justice of the peace.

On Mar. 21, 1900, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Bertha R. Noble, who was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, and they are members of the Prebyterian Church at Claysville, of which he is a trustee.

WILLIAM BOYLE HOUSTON, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, Pa., and president of the First National Bank of Houston, the latter city standing on what was once his grandfather's farm, was born at Canonsburg, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of David Clark and Louisa B. (Sweetzer) Houston.

The Houston family in America traces its lineage back to the Highlands of Scotland, even to the days of the gallant William Wallace. In Renfrewshire, Scotland,

the old baronial halls still stand and the head of the family still commands his vassals. Early in the 17th century members of the clan migrated to North Ireland and the name is a familiar one in Counties Donegal, Londonderry, Tyrone and Antrim. It was from North Ireland that three brothers of the name of Houston crossed the Atlantic Ocean, between 1725 and 1730, and settled in what is now Lancaster County, Pa. They increased in numbers and prospered and eventually scattered into other parts of the Union and no record of the family would be complete without mention being made of that old Texan hero, Gen. Sam Houston. "The History of Lancaster County" has rightly regarded this family as one of its most interesting and distinguished and many important facts and much data concerning it may be obtained by consulting this publication.

John Houston lived on a farm in Lancaster County, facing the Delaware Water Gap station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and he had six sons and two daughters born there. Five of these sons: Daniel, John, William, James and Thomas, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. After its close, Daniel Houston took up his residence in Franklin County, Pa., removing later to Washington County, settling in what is now Cross Creek Township. He was accompanied by his son, Daniel Houston, who was born in Franklin County but whose subsequent life was spent in Washington County, where he became a more than usually useful citizen. He early entered into the business of buying and shipping such commodities as wool, flour and pork, loading boats at the mouth of Cross Creek and delivering at New Orleans. In the face of dangers long since eliminated from all river traffic in the United States and in spite of hardships of all kinds, Mr. Houston made many successful trips to the South and from many of these walked the whole distance home. In his business dealings he was considered honorable and upright, and of his personal characteristics, his contemporaries speak with the utmost kindness and admiration. He always adhered to the old Seceder Church in his religious views and he gave a site for the erection of a church edifice. It is still standing and now belongs to his grandson, William Boyle Houston.

In addition to the personal business enterprises mentioned, Daniel Houston was concerned in others of a more public nature, through which many of his fellow citizens were more or less benefitted and accommodated. He was one of the organizers of the old Franklin Bank of Washington, now the First National, was the largest stockholder and its president. He was also a trustee of Jefferson College at Canonsburg and gave encouragement to educational effort wherever he was able. He was one of the most liberal contributors to the project of building the Chartiers Railroad, giving, it is said, the sum of \$40,000. Although the first railroad enterprise

remained ineffective for many years, the arousing of the people and the contributing were not lost factors when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company subsequently completed the contract.

Daniel Houston married Betsey Clark, a daughter of David and Hannah (Baird) Clark, a family of Scotch extraction, and to this marriage three children were born, one son and two daughters, both daughters dying in childhood.

David Clark Houston, the father of William Boyle Houston and the only son of Daniel and Betsey (Clark) Houston, was born on the old farm of his father in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., and died at Canonsburg, May 27, 1888, in his seventy-third year. He obtained an excellent education, completing his studies at Jefferson College. Early in manhood he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits which he continued until other demands on his attention in relation to his large inheritance of property induced him to retire. Together with his father he served continually as a director of the First National Bank of Washington from its organization, was a trustee of Washington and Jefferson College, a trustee of Jefferson Academy, president of the Oak Spring Cemetery Company and a member of a number of charitable boards. He was active in securing the Chartiers Valley Railroad as was his father, whose example he followed in many public-spirited movements. For many years he was a valued and honored member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

At Washington, Pa., in 1840, David Houston was married to Louisa B. Sweitzer, who was born at Brownsville, Pa., and died at Canonsburg, in 1887. Her father was Dr. Lewis Sweitzer, a native of Pennsylvania who secured his medical education in France. Dr. Sweitzer and wife were the parents of a large family and among them were many distinguished members and a family of daughters as noted for their personal beauty as the sons were for their mental gifts. To David Houston and wife there were born three sons and three daughters, namely: Elizabeth, who resides at Canonsburg; Mary, who is now deceased, was the wife of Rev. William F. Brown, whose father was president of Jefferson College and his grandfather of Washington College; Harriet, who died when aged twenty-two years; Louis, who died when aged twenty-four years; William Boyle; and Daniel, who died when aged three years. There are two survivors of this family: William Boyle and Miss Elizabeth.

William Boyle Houston was reared in a cultured home where the means were ample for every demand of life and his wishes were more or less consulted as to the direction his educational efforts should take. He attended Jefferson Academy, with which his family had been so closely identified for so long a time, and then,

in preparation for an active business life, took a course at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg. Like father and grandfather his talents have been brought to light as a financier. They were the organizers of financial institutions which have become solid ones of this section and Mr. Houston, in 1902, organized the First National Bank of Houston, which is recognized as one of the leading and conservative banks of Washington County. To the interests of this bank Mr. Houston devotes much of his time and he is also interested in looking after both his own and his sister's important investments and large amount of property. Both he and Miss Elizabeth Houston are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He was brought to Canonsburg by his parents in 1875, and he resides here during all but the winter months, spending these in Florida.

CHARLES MAYNARD REA, whose well cultivated farm of 120 acres lies in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., not far distant from the village of Rea, which perpetuates the name of his family, an old and prominent one in this section, was born on this farm November 6, 1865. His parents were Charles and Catherine (Cook) Rea.

William Rea, the great-grandfather of Charles M. Rea, was born in Northampton Co., Pa., September 13, 1762, and came from there to Washington County, in 1789, shortly afterward settling on what is now the farm of his great-grandson, in Cross Creek Township. William Rea taught school one winter one and one-half miles west of Hickory, in Mt. Pleasant Township and then bought the above farm which has remained in the family into the fourth generation. He was a justice of the peace for Cross Creek, Hopewell and Mt. Pleasant townships for a number of years and was one of the foremost men of this section. In 1794 he was one of a committee of three representative men appointed and sent by the whiskey insurrectionists to meet the U. S. Army corps detailed to suppress the insurrectionists and had much to do with the final adjustment of difficulties. He died September 28, 1855, aged 74 years. His wife was Jane Mason and among their children was William Mason Rea, grandfather of Charles M. He was born on this farm March 16, 1790, and always lived on the place.

Charles Rea, father of Charles H., was born on the present farm, April 25, 1834, and died October 12, 1900. He was a son of William Mason and Elizabeth (Campbell) Rea. His whole life was spent on his farm in Cross Creek Township. On November 27, 1856, he was married to Catherine Cook, a daughter of A. C. and Mary (Campbell) Cook, of Wayne County, Ohio, where Mrs. Rea lived until her marriage, since when she has lived on the old Rea homestead. Charles Maynard was the fifth child and eldest son born to the above mar-







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riage, the others being: Mary E., wife of John N. Smiley, of Smith Township; Ida F., wife of William C. Marshall, of Oakdale, Pa.; Winnifred E., widow of William H. Buchanan, of Independence Township; Effie L., wife of Harry C. Scott, residing in Pittsburg; Jennie E., wife of D. W. Cummings, of Cadiz, Ohio; Tamar C., deceased, was the wife of Harry S. Lee, of Cross Creek Township; Ella Elberta, wife of Walter E. Cozins; and Ira V., wife of Lester Donaldson, of Columbus, Ohio.

Charles M. Rea attended school with more or less regularity until he was eighteen years of age, and since then has given the larger part of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He is a practical and successful farmer and he also raises a large amount of as fine stock as is produced on any farm in Cross Creek Township. In his political views he follows the teachings of his late father, who was a staunch Republican, and at different times he has served acceptably in township offices and is numbered with its most reliable men. He was elected vice-president of the Washington County School Directors' Association, in which capacity he is still serving. Mr. Rea is unmarried and lives with his mother on the homestead. They are members of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder and has been a trustee for a number of years.

**IIION. CHARLES A. BENTLEY**, member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and a conductor on the Ellsworth branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born July 11, 1860, and is a son of Samuel B. and Minerva (Rabe) Bentley.

Samuel Black Bentley was born and reared in Monongahela City, Pa., and was a grandson of Samuel Black, who was one of the early settlers of Washington County and owner of over 1,500 acres of land. Samuel B. Bentley spent almost his entire life in this locality and died at the age of 68 years. He was a trader by occupation, buying and selling wool extensively. He was first united in marriage with a Miss Graham, after whose death, he married Minerva Rabe, and they had the following children: Millie, a resident of Monongahela City; Frank, deceased; Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Harry K., ex-mayor of Monongahela City; and Mary, who married B. L. Ross, who is clerk of Monongahela City. Mr. Bentley served three years in the Civil War as quartermaster of the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. and was a member of the G. A. R.

Charles A. Bentley obtained his educational training in the common schools of Monongahela City and early in life learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked several years. In 1881 he began working on the Pennsylvania Railroad, first as brakeman, and since 1890 has been conductor, now serving in that capacity on the Ellsworth branch. He is also interested in the coal and

lumber business in this city, and with the exception of a few years spent in Pittsburg, has always been a resident of Monongahela City.

Mr. Bentley is a Republican in politics, has served two terms in the city Council, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1907, being re-elected in 1909. He is fraternally a member of the O. R. C. of Pittsburg; the B. P. O. E. of Homestead, and the Masonic order of Charleoi.

In 1888, Mr. Bentley married Margaret Rees, a daughter of David Rees, of Pittsburg.

**LOUIS RIETSCH**, a member of the well known firm of Rietsch Brothers, general stone and brick contractors of Washington, Pa., has been a resident here for the past twenty-one years. He was born in France, March 25, 1867, and there became a bricklayer and stone mason by trade. At the age of twenty-one years he came to America and located for two years at Hartford, Conn., after which he came to Washington, where he worked at his trade until the present firm of Rietsch Brothers was established. They carry on a general contracting business in stone and brick work and road building, and are practically engaged in doing all kinds of general contracting, ranking high among the leading contractors of Washington. Mr. Rietsch is a stockholder in the Real Estate and Trust Company of Washington; he has served as a member of the city council of South Washington, and also as a member of the council of Washington Borough, participating actively in local politics. Mr. Rietsch is a member of the Catholic Church.

**JOHN N. WALKER**, one of Jefferson Township's most prominent citizens, serving in the office of justice of the peace and being also treasurer of the school board and treasurer of the road fund, has followed farming all his mature life. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 3, 1849, and is a son of John N. and Anna (Vance) Walker.

The parents of Mr. Walker were both natives of Washington County, the father of Jefferson Township, a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Norris) Walker, who came from New Jersey. The mother was born in Smith Township and was a daughter of William and Rachel (Patterson) Vance. She died in 1870 and was survived by her husband until 1882. They were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Rachel V., who married Robert S. Donaldson; Alexander E., who resides at Burgettstown; William Vance, who is deceased; James A., who lives at Murray, Neb.; Elizabeth, who married John Lawton, died October 23, 1909, lived in Kansas; Hannah G., who married J. P. Reed, lives in Kansas; Mary M., who married J. Edgar Rankin, deceased; Virginia A.; John N.; Joseph

P. and Franklin P., both of whom are deceased; and Cynthia C., who married Samuel Wilson, deceased.

John N. Walker was reared on a farm and enjoyed few educational advantages in his youth, his present fund of knowledge having been mainly acquired through judicious reading and association with intelligent people. While he has made farming his business in life, he has not confined his attention to agricultural pursuits. From early manhood he has been active in politics and for a number of years has been a Democratic leader in this section. For the past three years he has been a member of the Democratic County Committee, a very strong party organization, and he has been a delegate to both State and National conventions. He enjoys very fully the confidence of his fellow citizens and fills offices of honor, trust and responsibility.

In February, 1895, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Ella Boles, who is a daughter of John L. and Margaret Boles, the former of whom died in 1894. Mrs. Boles still lives on the homestead in Jefferson Township. To John L. Boles and wife the following children were born: Mary, who married Robert Bloomingstock; Ella, who became Mrs. Walker; Thomas E., who resides in the city of Chicago; John J., who lives at Eldersville, Pa.; and H. P., who lives with his mother. Mr. Walker is identified with the Masonic lodge at Burgettsstown.

ARTHUR DAY, who has been proprietor of the Hotel Arthur at Charleroi, Pa., for the past three years, was born at Haverhill, Mass., in 1865, and is a son of John W. Day. He was reared and educated at Haverhill, Mass., where he subsequently ran a restaurant until about 1900, when he came to Charleroi, Pa., and that same year erected part of his present hotel building, which is a modern two-story brick building, containing twenty rooms, and here ran a restaurant for three years. In 1906 he completed the building, as it now stands, and has since conducted an up-to-date hotel.

Mr. Day was united in marriage with Beatrice Frost, of Portland, Me. He is fraternally affiliated with the Elks and the Eagles.

JOHN P. LINN, justice of the peace, in the borough of Burgettsstown, has been engaged in business here for a number of years, dealing in lumber and builders' supplies. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., September 11, 1863, and is a son of William A. P. and Elizabeth (Proudfit) Linn.

The father of Mr. Linn was born in Franklin County, Pa., June 27, 1838. He married Elizabeth Proudfit, a daughter of John L. Proudfit. Six children were born to them: John P., William B., James P., Robert F., living, and Edmund L. and Arthur G., both dead. He engaged in farming in Franklin County until 1882, when

he came to Smith Township, Washington County, where he resided until 1900, when he retired and moved to Burgettsstown, where he died March 7, 1907. His burial was in Fairview Cemetery, of which his son, John P., is a director. His widow survives and resides at Burgettsstown. William A. P. Linn was successively an elder in three churches—the church in Middle Spring, Cumberland County, Pa.; the Florence Presbyterian Church, and later the Burgettsstown Church, in all of these, by precept and example, testifying to his Christian faith and zeal.

John P. Linn attended the public schools of Franklin County and the State Normal School at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., later taking a business course in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., returning then to Washington County and entering into the lumber business at Burgettsstown, with a partner, under the firm name of Armour & Linn. When Mr. Armour retired, Mr. Linn and brother, William B., continued the business, adding builders' supplies to their stock. They are representative business men of the place.

On September 30, 1879, Mr. Linn was married to Miss Sarah A. Cole, a daughter of Thomas Cole, and they have eight children: Thomas C., Elizabeth, William, Gertrude, Alice, Mary, John, Jr., and Elsie. Mr. Linn is a stockholder and director in the Burgettsstown National Bank. He was reared to respect the principles of the Democratic party and has always been more or less active in politics, and at one time was his party's candidate for the State Legislature. With his family he belongs to the First Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the school board and he belongs to the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM H. McENRUE, reporter of the Common Pleas Court of Washington County, Pa., was born September 29, 1875, in Washington, and is a son of William H. McEnrue, who was for several years one of the prominent lawyers of Washington. His father was born in Cambria County, Pa., in 1844, and was for several years engaged in the practice of his profession at Wheeling, W. Va., after which he came to Washington, was admitted to the Washington County bar and embarked in the practice of law. He continued until the time of his death, August 15, 1877.

William H. McEnrue, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools and the business college of Washington. He became assistant court stenographer in 1895, in which capacity he served until 1902, since which time he has been official stenographer of the Common Pleas Court of Washington County. In 1900 he was elected secretary of the Washington Borough council and served three years in that capacity.

In 1905, Mr. McEnrue was joined in marriage with

Elizabeth Bauer, of St. Mary's, Pa., who is a daughter of M. G. Bauer, a building contractor at St. Mary's. They have one child, Sarah Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. McEnroe are members of the Catholic Church, at Washington.

WILLIAM A. BONAR, one of Donegal Township's leading citizens and successful farmers, residing on a part of the old Bonar estate, near Vienna, in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born in this township, April 7, 1855. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth A. (Andrews) Bonar.

There are few older or more representative families in Washington County than that of Bonar. There were four brothers of the name who came to what is now Donegal Township as early as 1770. They found the Indians so hostile that they left Washington County, several going to Maryland, and they did not return and secure their patents for government land until 1775. One of these pioneers was Barnet Bonar, who was born in Scotland in 1695, and his son, William Bonar, accompanied him and with three brothers secured 1,200 acres of land, a part of which has ever since remained in the possession of the family.

Barnet Bonar, the grandfather of William A. Bonar, was born on the farm on which the latter lives, January 14, 1778, and resided here his entire life. He was one of the early elders of the Presbyterian Church in this section. He married Jane Donahy, a native of Ireland.

Samuel Bonar, father of William A., was born in Donegal Township, July 9, 1822, and died February 12, 1905. He married Elizabeth A. Andrews, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, and died in Washington County, Pa., December 29, 1904.

They had eleven children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of S. A. Magill, of Lebanon, Mo.; Barnet L., who was born July 31, 1852, graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1877, and the Pennsylvania Medical University, at Philadelphia, and located for practice at Streator, Ill., where he died December 21, 1906; William A.; Jane, who resides in Donegal Township; Samuel, who lives at Lebanon, Mo.; Elizabeth P., who was born October 27, 1860, died January 16, 1866; Sara L., who was born January 21, 1863, graduated from Waynesburg College in 1884, married Elmer E. Woodburn, of Claysville, Pa., and died November 29, 1895; James L., who lives in Texas; Anna McConnell Bonar, who was born September 5, 1869, died in June, 1898; Margaret D., who is the wife of James Patterson, resides at Vienna, Pa.; and Isabel, who was born August 13, 1875, died February 1, 1881. The late Samuel Bonar was a man of sterling character, one who performed every public and private duty well and conscientiously. He spent his whole life in the quiet pursuits of agriculture,

always, however, finding time to show an interest in public matters that affected his own community. He served as a member of the Donegal Township school board and he identified himself in the late 50's with the Republican party. He was a valued member of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, Pa.

William A. Bonar attended the Donegal Township schools and later Waynesburg College, at Waynesburg, Pa. He has followed farming and stock raising almost to the exclusion of other business interests, and the value of this close attention is shown in his well tilled fields and his herds of sleek North Devon cattle, usually fifty head or more. His farm contains 150 acres and it is not only one of the oldest in the township but is also one of the most valuable. Like his ancestors, Mr. Bonar is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. He is one of the trustees of the West Alexander Church. He has served his political party as a member of the County Central Committee and his township as road supervisor. He is known in every direction and is held in esteem by his fellow citizens.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN CHAMBERS, of Canonsburg, is in the best sense a representative citizen of Washington County, having been one of its most popular public officials. He has served at different times as sheriff, treasurer, and in other offices. He is a native son, having been born in Canonsburg, this county, August 14, 1850, son of John and Catherine (Ramsey) Chambers.

His parents were both born in South Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1813. They came to Canonsburg in 1840. In his minority John Chambers worked for some time at the trade of blacksmith. He afterwards embarked in the mercantile business in Buffalo village, and was also a large wool buyer. After coming to Canonsburg he opened a store here for the sale of general merchandise and was thus occupied subsequently until his death, which took place October 26, 1885. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically a Democrat, he served in various borough offices.

John Chambers was twice married, first to Catherine Ramsey, a daughter of Josiah Ramsey, of South Strabane Township. Of this union there were six children: Martha C., Josiah R., John S., Nancy H., William B., and Dora, who is deceased. Their record in brief is as follows: Martha C. became the wife of Rev. Dr. W. G. Keady, a Presbyterian minister of Greensboro, Ala., who graduated from Jefferson College in 1856. During the Civil War he served in the Confederate army. He is now deceased. They had two sons—George, who is editor of the Alabama "Beacon," and William A., who is engaged in the drug business at Commerce, Ga. Josiah R., who is now deceased, was a soldier in the 10th Pa.

Reserves during the Civil War. He married Mary Ellen McAfee, who is also deceased. They had two sons and five daughters, namely: John, who served in the Philippines with a California regiment and died on his return voyage; William A., who was with the Red Cross Department in the Philippines and is now connected with an express company at Los Angeles, Calif.; Margaret, who married A. H. Saners and resides in Pittsburg; Catherine, who is the wife of John W. Warrick, of Washington, Pa.; Dora, who is the wife of H. F. Hetzell, of Bellevue, Allegheny County; Elizabeth, who resides at Washington, Pa.; and Martha, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Hetzell.

John S. Chambers, third child of John and Catherine (Ramsey) Chambers, was a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Reserves in the Civil War, and on the expiration of a term of three years served in the signal corps. After the close of the war he spent three years in the regular army, was killed in a railroad accident in Marion, Ind., March, 1895. Nancy H. is the widow of M. S. McCloy and resides in Canonsburg with her only son, W. L. McCloy, general superintendent of the Philadelphia Gas Co. Dora, now deceased, was the wife of A. R. Galbraith. William B. is the special subject of this sketch.

The mother of the above mentioned children died in Canonsburg in 1854, and Mr. Chambers married for his second wife Mrs. B. P. McConnell (nee Watson), a widow lady who had one child by her first husband—Township. By Mr. Chambers' second marriage there is Annie, who married Joseph Kammerer, of Nottingham one child, Ida M., who is unmarried and resides in Canonsburg with the subject of this sketch.

William Buchanan Chambers began his education in the common schools and afterwards attended Washington and Jefferson College until the close of the freshman year. While a student there he belonged to the Philo and Union Literary Society, and to the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. His vacations he spent in his father's store, gaining an insight into commercial routine. At the age of nineteen he left college to enter the mercantile business at McDonald, Pa., becoming associated with the firm of J. D. Sauters & Co., where he continued for six years. He then spent over two years in the employ of the Valley Milk Co., of Pittsburg.

He had early begun to take an interest in public affairs, and as one of the young and active Democrats of the county, had rendered effective political service to his party. On January 1, 1880, he came to Washington, to fill the position of deputy sheriff under Sheriff Perritte, serving in that capacity three years. In 1882 he was elected to the office of sheriff, on the Democratic ticket, and served three years—from January 1, 1883, to January 1, 1886—rendering efficient and satisfactory service. At the expiration of his term he was appointed

chief U. S. deputy marshal, under George W. Miller, marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, serving four years, during the first administration of President Cleveland, and also for four months, under Mr. Miller's successor, J. R. Hanna, the latter being an appointee of President Harrison. Mr. Chambers served for almost five years in that capacity, his removal being due to the change of party control in the government. He next returned to Canonsburg, where he remained unoccupied for a while.

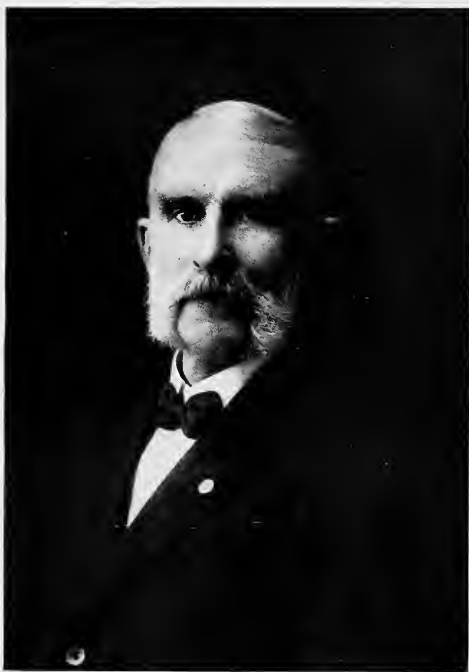
In 1892 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the office of county treasurer, and was triumphantly elected, overcoming a normal Republican majority of 2,000. He thus served until 1896. He was the first Democratic county treasurer that had been elected in twenty-five years. Later he was further honored by being appointed by Governor Patterson to a position on the board of managers of the Pennsylvania Reform School, at Morgantown, Washington County, and held that position until 1897. In 1896 he was the choice of his party as a candidate for Congress in Washington County, Pa. At times also he has been a member of the town council and by appointment served as road and bridge reviewer. He has gained popularity as an official and is highly esteemed as a man and citizen. This was early shown, on his retirement from the office of sheriff, when, at a banquet held by the Washington County bar, the following sentiment, proposed by Alexander Wilson, Esq., was unanimously accepted by the assembly:

"William B. Chambers, Esq.:—A faithful officer, fearless in the discharge of his duties, pleasant in his intercourse with his fellow citizens, kind and obliging to the members of the bar and officers of the court. He retires from the office of high sheriff of Washington County with an honorable record for purity and integrity, and with the best wishes of all who have had official and personal intercourse with him."

In 1895 Mr. Chambers was married to Mrs. Anna (Coleman) Galbraith, who died two years later. She was a daughter of Hartman Coleman, a well known resident of S. Pittsburg. In 1902 Mr. Chambers was chairman and general manager of the centennial celebration of the incorporation of the borough of Canonsburg, Pa. Mr. Chambers resides with his sisters at Canonsburg. He attends the Presbyterian Church. Since 1904 he has been connected with the Philadelphia Company in the Canonsburg office.

JOHN M. PHILLIPS, a highly respected citizen of Cross Creek Township, Washington Co., Pa., who has been engaged in mining for coal for fifty-five years, is a native of Wales, born February 5, 1845. His parents were David and Catherine (Davis) Phillips. They had three children: Elizabeth, Thomas and John M. Thomas





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came to the United States and lived for a time at Midway, in Washington County, Pa., but returned to Wales in 1877. Elizabeth was married to David J. Morgan, and was living in Luzerne County at her death.

John M. Phillips was educated in the select schools of the Church of England, in Wales, and was twenty-four years old when he started for America, taking passage on a sailing ship bound for Quebec. He met with many adventures before he reached Pittsburg, Pa., June 1, 1869, and the recital of these lose none of their interest in the telling. Mr. Phillips became a coal miner and continued to work in different parts of Allegheny County until 1897, with the exception of three years spent at Massillon, Ohio, when he came to Cross Creek Township and bought land which is richly underlain with coal. Mr. Phillips operates his own mine and from it supplies the majority of coal consumers within a radius of some eight miles. He has had a large amount of experience in coal mining and has seen many changes take place in the methods of bringing the precious commodity to the surface, and many needed laws made for the better protection of miners while engaged in their hazardous work.

On November 3, 1866, in Eglwysillian, Wales, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Margaret Howells, a native of Wales, and the following children were born to them: William Lincoln, born in 1872, lives in Roselle, N. J.; Thomas N., born in 1876, lives in Everett, Wash.; Edwin J., born in 1880, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Minnie, who married William France, of West Middletown, Pa. Edwin J. served three years as a member of Co. A, 6th U. S. Cav., and served in the Philippines and in the Boxers' uprising in China. Mr. Phillips and family are members of the Christian Church at Pittsburg. In politics he designates himself as a Lincoln Democrat. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

CORNELIUS CURRAN, a prominent brick contractor of Washington, who in point of service is the oldest contractor in Washington County, has been a resident of this city for about fifty-four years. He was born in 1850, in Mahoning County, Ohio, but when quite young came with his parents to Washington, where he was reared and educated, and early in life began working, a part of the time, on a farm. In 1869 he started to learn bricklaying with Samuel Hargrave, and since 1875 has been engaged in brick contracting, during which time he has worked on many important buildings in Washington County, some of his largest contracts being: the First National Bank, the Reed building, Second Presbyterian church and chapel, First Presbyterian church, the Catholic and Baptist churches, the Washington County court house and jail, and jails at other points. He was joint contractor in the erection of the

Washington Trust building, the Montgomery building, the Siegel Hotel and of many of the ward school buildings of Washington.

In 1873, Mr. Curran married Addie Spriggs, who was born near Wheeling, W. Va., and reared at West Alexander, Pa., where her parents located when she was a girl. They have had the following children: Edward S., who resides in Chicago, Ill., is employed by the American Tobacco Company; Margaret, who died when about fourteen years old; Charles C., who is engaged in business with his father; Ada; Mary F., who is a teacher in the Washington public schools; Agnes L., who is bookkeeper for her father; and John J., who is a student in the Pittsburg College, of Pittsburg. Mr. Curran and family are members of the Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the C. M. B. A.

CURTIS RANDOLPH POTTER, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who has lived retired from business cares, in a pleasant and comfortable home at McDonald, since 1904, is a highly esteemed citizen of this borough. He was born in Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pa., Apr. 25, 1845, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Postlethwait) Potter.

The father of Mr. Potter engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clearfield and Indiana Counties, Pa., and in those sections the family was a highly respected one. To Joseph and Margaret Potter the following children were born: Agnes Ann, who married (first) Daniel Crisman, and (second) Henry Elkins; Rachel Ellen, who married Joseph Byerly; Curtis Randolph; Woodward R.; Cordelia, who married George Herron; James B.; Emma, who is now deceased, was the wife of C. C. Stear; and Lilly, who married Frank Crenan.

Curtis R. Potter had the usual school advantages of the country boy of his youth, and he helped his father on the home farm until he left it in order to become a soldier when his country needed defenders. He enlisted in 1864, in Co. A, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., this being the noted Roundhead regiment, and was honorably discharged July 28, 1865. He returned to the home farm for one year and then learned the milling trade and was first interested in a mill at Venice, in Washington County, and then purchased what was known as the McConnell mill, and engaged in milling for 20 years, having something of a reputation through the country as a fine miller. Later he proved that he was equally well equipped as a merchant and as a public official. He conducted a general store for four years at Venice and during this time served as postmaster, having been appointed by the late ex-President Cleveland to that office during his first term. He then transferred his store to Midway and conducted it there for two years, after which he

came to McDonald and here engaged in a general store business until he retired in 1904. He has always been a conscientious Democrat.

In 1869, Mr. Potter was married to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, who is a daughter of Winiam and Eliza Jane Thompson. Mrs. Potter was reared on her father's farm in Washington County. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Potter are the following: Mary Elmira, who is the wife of John S. Campbell; Cecelia, who is the wife of Bert Brestle; Lyla Myrtle, who resides at home; and Emma, who married Everett Ferguson. Mr. Potter and family belong to the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church for the past 28 years. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Carnegie, Pa.

JOHN SYLVESTER McCLURG, who is now living retired in the pleasant town of Eldersville, for a number of years was successfully engaged in farming and stock raising. He was born in Hanover Township, Beaver Co., Pa., March 4, 1855, and is a son of William and Nancy Ann (Mercer) McClurg.

The McClurg family is of Scotch descent. William McClurg was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and was a son of Joseph and Ruth (McKenzie) McClurg. William McClurg was a tiller of the soil as was his father and also were his sons. He was as staunch a Democrat in his political opinions as he was firm in his adherence to the United Presbyterian faith. He married Nancy Ann Mercer, who was born in Beaver County, Pa., a daughter of Reese Mercer, of Irish birth. To William and Nancy McClurg the following children were born: Margaret Jane, who died young; Sarah Ann, who is deceased, was the wife of Robert Johnston; Elizabeth Adeline, who is deceased; John Sylvester; Alvin R., who is a merchant at Candor, Pa.; and Joseph and David, twins, the former of whom lives near Hookstown, Beaver County; and the latter of whom lives near Harsheyville, in the same county. The parents of this family are still kindly remembered in the section in which their lives were spent. Their remains rest in the Mill Creek Valley Cemetery, in Beaver County.

John Sylvester McClurg attended the public schools in Hanover Township until he was fourteen years of age and then became his father's useful helper on the farm and continued in farm pursuits for many years afterward and then retired to Eldersville, where he resides in the enjoyment of ample means. Like his father he always supported the Democratic ticket and many times was elected to office by that party while he lived in the country. He served many years as school director in Jefferson Township and for six years was the very efficient road supervisor and at present is filling the office of judge of elections.

On September 12, 1877, Mr. McClurg was married to Miss Mary A. Cunningham, a daughter of Francis and Sarah Ann (Burd) Cunningham, prominent farmers of Jefferson Township at one time. They are both deceased and their burial was in the Bethel Cemetery in Jefferson Township. Francis Cunningham was a son of John and Susan (Metcalf) Cunningham. At the time of his death he owned 750 acres of land in Washington County. With his wife he belonged and gave liberal support to the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Francis Cunningham and wife the following of their children grew to maturity: Mary, who became Mrs. McClurg; and John, David, William, Stephen, Jennie, Emma and James.

To Mr. and Mrs. McClurg three children have been born: Frank, Anna B. and Alverta. Frank McClurg is a farmer and dairyman residing in Jefferson Township. He married Margaret McCorkle and they have one daughter, Gladys. Anna B. McClurg is a highly educated lady and is a teacher in the high school at Midway, Washington County. Alverta McClurg married John Johnston, a farmer and dairyman in Jefferson Township. They have three children: Arthur, Helen and Mary. Mr. McClurg and family are members of the Bethel Methodist Protestant Church.

A. H. KERR, one of the well known financiers of Washington County, has served in the capacity of cashier of the Burgettstown National Bank since 1903. He was one of its founders, charter members and stockholders in 1879, and was president from 1887 until 1903. He is a member of an old and prominent family of this section. He was born at Cross Creek, Washington Co., Pa., May 29, 1850, and is a son of I. H. and Jane (Lee) Kerr.

I. H. Kerr was born in Washington County and died at Cross Creek, February 2, 1866. He was a son of A. H. Kerr, the latter of whom was of Scotch-Irish extraction and for many years was a leading politician of the State, serving several terms in the Legislature. For a long period I. H. Ker was a merchant at Cross Creek and was known as an honest man and leading and useful citizen. He married Jane Lee, who still survives, aged eighty-two years. Her father was Hugh Lee, one of the old settlers of this section. To I. H. Kerr and wife were born three children: Anna, who is now deceased, was the wife of Dr. T. C. M. Stockton; A. H.; and M. B., who is a merchant at Winfield, Kas.

A. H. Kerr attended school at Cross Creek and Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, leaving school in 1866 in order to take charge of his father's estate, after the latter's death, and continued the operation of the store at Cross Creek for thirty-three years and moved to Burgettstown, in 1895. He has been identified with the banking interests of this place since 1879.

On May 27, 1874, Mr. Kerr was married to Miss Georgietta Gault, a daughter of David and Matilda (Lyle) Gault, and they have two children: Jean Blanche and Grace M., the former of whom lives in New York. Mr. Kerr is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown. In politics he is a Republican.

LOUIS FOLLET, whose position with the Standard Tin Plate Company, of Canonsburg, is that of secretary and commercial manager, is a man of large experience in this business, having devoted his whole mature life to the tin plate industry. He was born in Australia, August 1, 1865, and came to America in 1891.

When sixteen years of age, Mr. Follet began work in the tin plate factories in South Wales and after completing his apprenticeship he showed the ability that caused him to be put in charge of the affairs of E. Morewood & Company, who, with British capital, erected one of the first tin plate plants in this country, located at Gas City, Ind., after the passage of the McKinley Tariff Bill. He remained there eight years and was assistant treasurer of the company. It was then taken over by the American Tin Plate Company and Mr. Follet remained in charge for a few months and was then transferred by the company and put in charge of the operating department with headquarters in New York City. After four years there in that capacity, in 1904, Mr. Follet came to Canonsburg and became secretary of the Standard Tin Plate Company and took charge of its commercial business. Mr. Follet is a man of fine address and great business qualifications. His place of residence is Crafton, Pa.

WILLIAM NEWTON HAWKINS, a member of the well known firm, Davis & Hawkins, extensive operators in the gas and oil fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, was for many years one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Washington County, Pa. He was born in 1855, in East Bethlehem Township, and is a son of James C. Hawkins, who was born in 1809, in what is now known as Beallsville Borough, and died in Washington County, where he spent his entire life engaged in farming and stock raising. Richard Hawkins, grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Beallsville Borough, his father, Robert Hawkins, being buried in the old Hawkins burying ground about one mile from Beallsville.

William N. Hawkins received his educational training in the common schools of his native township, the Jefferson Academy of Canonsburg, and the Iron City Business College, after which he taught for a period of three years. He then engaged in farming and stock raising and for about twenty years made a specialty of raising Black Percheron horses, in which he was highly successful, and

in 1900, he came to Washington, where he has since been engaged in the real estate business, making a specialty of buying and selling coal lands. He formed a partnership with William E. Davis, and they are extensive operators in the territory above named.

Mr. Hawkins is a member of the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a member of the official board. Fraternally he is a Mason.

In 1881, Mr. Hawkins was married to Addie Farquahr, who died in 1893, and they had the following children: Leona; Louis F., who taught for three years in the East Washington high school, is now principal of the Hickory high school; Mary Estella, a teacher in the schools of Monongahela City; James C., a student at the Washington and Jefferson College; and Hannah Anna, a student in Washington Seminary. In 1894, Mr. Hawkins married Ida M. Miller, a daughter of Rev. James Miller, of Cumberland, and to them have been born four children: Ruth Elizabeth, Glenn D., Margaret, and Helen.

HUGH WILSON, general farmer of Hanover Township, where his fine farm of 130 acres is situated, was born at Paris, Washington Co., Pa., where his father was then in business, August 15, 1839, and is a son of William and Jane (Smith) Wilson.

Allegheny County contributed many excellent citizens to Washington County and one of these was William Wilson, father of Hugh, who came from Allegheny and settled at Paris, in Washington County, where he carried on a wagonmaking shop all his life. He was an industrious and thoroughly respected man, one who set a good example to his children, to whom he gave every advantage he could provide in the way of education. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Paris. He married Jane Smith, who was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, and they had the following children: Alexander, Hugh, John and William; Rowenna, deceased, who was the wife of Russell Parks; Rachel, who married William Dunbar; and James.

Hugh Wilson attended the schools at Paris until he was eighteen years of age. He desired to be a farmer rather than to learn his father's trade, and found work by the month with farmers in the neighborhood of Paris and continued to work in that way for about nine years. For some fourteen years following he rented farm land, but in the spring of 1880, invested in his farm in Hanover Township, purchasing from the Hanlin heirs. It is an excellent property and Mr. Wilson has made many improvements.

On March 26, 1868, Mr. Wilson married Miss Ophelia Russell, a daughter of John and Jane (Simpson) Russell, and the following children were born: Elenora; Cynthia, deceased; Margaret, who married James Dunbar; Simpson; James; and Agnes and David, both de-

ceased. Mr. Wilson was married (second) to Mary Ann Vincent and they have had three children: Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Smith, of Bulger; a son that died in infancy; and John R., who was born February 4, 1882. This fine young man has inherited his father's love of agricultural pursuits and intends to devote his entire life to farming and stock raising. He resides at home and married Miss Minnie Stevenson, a member of an excellent family of Hanover Township. Mr. Wilson had a great respect for his father's opinions and early identified himself with the Democratic party, and his son is the third generation of the family to also believe in its superiority and work for its supremacy. The Wilson family is connected with the Florence Presbyterian Church.

HARVEY T. BILLYCK, M. D., a well known and successful medical practitioner of Monongahela City, Pa., was born on a farm in Allegheny County, Pa., July 2, 1851, and is a son of Alexander D. and Mary (Hall) Billyck.

Alexander Billyck was born in Elizabeth, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death, which occurred when in his seventy-eighth year. He married Mary Hall, a native of New Jersey, and they reared a family of twelve children: Sarah C., deceased; Louisa, deceased; George M.; John H.; Alexander C.; Harvey T., the subject of this sketch; Mary J.; James B.; David W.; Lewis; Laura M.; and Dora C.

The boyhood days of Dr. H. T. Billyck were spent on the home farm in Allegheny County, and his educational training was received in the public schools and the academy at Elizabeth, Pa. After teaching school for a period of eight years in Allegheny County, he entered the P. and S. Medical College at Baltimore, from which he graduated in March, 1885, and in August of the same year went to Courtney, this county, and was there until November, 1896, then to his present location in Monongahela City, and opened an office at his present location, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a director of the First National Bank, and is fraternally a member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, has served two terms on the school board, one term on the select council, and was also elected mayor of Monongahela City.

Dr. Billyck was married December 24, 1885, to Yeurith M. Wycoff, a daughter of John W. Wycoff, of Elizabeth Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., and they have two children: Lydia M.; and Eugene W.

JAMES A. JORDAN, residing on his valuable farm of ninety acres which is situated in Canton Township, is

successfully engaged in farming and stock raising and is held in high esteem as a neighbor and as a citizen. He was born in Washington County, Pa., December 20, 1864, and is a son of Edward and Martha (McClure) Jordan.

The Jordan as well as the McClure families have been in Washington County for at least three generations. Edward Jordan, who died in 1876, was a son of Peter Jordan. James McClure, the maternal grandfather was an early settler and was of Irish parentage. The mother of James A. Jordan was born also in Washington County and now resides in Chartiers Township, being in her sixty-fifth year. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and is active in all good works in the neighborhood in which she lives. Four children of Edward and Martha Jordan still survive: Hannah B., who is the wife of Slate Gomp, resides at Washington; Annie M., who is the wife of James Amos, resides also at Washington; James A., of Canton Township; and William C., who is a resident of Pittsburgh. Ellen and Nancy are deceased.

James A. Jordan has been engaged in farming ever since he was a boy and has made his own way in the world to a large extent. He came to his present farm early in the 90's and has made it one of the best in the township. Although he never enjoyed many educational advantages he is a great friend of the public schools and has served as school director a number of times, and in other township offices, and in every position he has shown wisdom and a desire to further the best public interest. In addition to general farming and stock raising, Mr. Jordan gives special attention to the growing of fruit and also raises very choice vegetables, finding a ready market at Washington.

Mr. Jordan was married (first) to Miss Catherine Kelley, a daughter of James Kelley, late of Canton Township, and they had the following children born to them: Maud M., Clara B., Guy R., of Washington; and Edward M., Otha O., Annie M., James P., Emmett, Helen M. and Emerson, Emmett being deceased. Mr. Jordan was married (second) to Eva G. Mackey, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have one son, Carl. Mr. Jordan is a member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican.

CLARK M. HACKNEY, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Washington, who owns 340 acres of fine farming land in Amwell Township, has been a resident of this city for the past three years. He was born January 23, 1860, in Amwell Township, and is the only living child of Clark and Sophia (Nolan) Hackney. Clark Hackney was a native of Fayette County, Pa., who came to Washington County at an early period and set-





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died in Amwell Township where he engaged in farming and stock raising until the time of his death in 1905. The mother of our subject died in 1864.

Clark M. Hackney grew to manhood in Amwell Township, attending the common schools of the township, also the Union school, and the Washington and Jefferson College, where he was a student for two terms. He then engaged in farming and stock raising in Amwell Township, where he was very successful and acquired considerable wealth. He still oversees his valuable farming land, although a resident of Washington the past three years.

In 1880, Mr. Hackney was married to Minerva Shape, who was born in Greene County, Pa., and they have reared three children: Lillie M.; Charles, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Washington, married Hazel Gaus, and has two children, Donald Charles and James Bernard; and Lida M., who married John R. Ullom. They have one child, Lillie May. Mr. Hackney is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of Amity.

**ASBURY B. CALDWELL**—It is with a feeling akin to reverence that the people of Washington County recall the life and deeds of the late Asbury B. Caldwell. Standing foremost in the business world, a leader among men, he added materially to the prosperity of the community and aided in the development of resources lying dormant and undiscovered within the confines of the county. As founder and owner of the great store now conducted by the A. B. Caldwell Company, as president and principal stockholder of the Peoples' Light and Heat Company, as owner of the Leader Refining Company and in the multitudinous interests he possessed in other enterprises, he achieved a success through his individual efforts, foresight, sagacity and good management, unparalleled in the history of Washington. Great man of affairs that he was, his life was a model of simplicity and domesticity, his greatest enjoyment came from association with his family at his beautiful home in the borough, where his leisure hours were spent in relaxation from business cares in the study of Nature and the culture of flowers, his conservatory being the finest in Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Caldwell was born in 1829 and was a son of James and Esther (McCracken) Caldwell, and a grandson of Samuel Caldwell, who was the first of the family to become established in Washington County. The Caldwells are of Scotch-Irish descent and they were among the earliest pioneers of Western Pennsylvania. Samuel Caldwell erected a cabin in the sparsely settled region now known as Buffalo Township, Washington County, and there lived in the woods, enduring and rearing his

family with privations known only to those very early settlers.

James Caldwell, father of the late Asbury B. Caldwell, was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1787, and there followed farming all his days. In connection with the tilling of his lands, he conducted a public house known as the Caldwell Inn, which was located on the "old West Pike." This place of refreshment was well known to the early travelers along that highway. In 1883, his son, Asbury B., erected a hotel on the same site and built on the same plan. In early manhood, James Caldwell was joined in marriage with Esther McCracken, who was of a neighboring pioneer family, and they became parents of the following children: Samuel, who died in Missouri; John, who died in Illinois; and Joseph, William, Asbury B. and Esther. James Caldwell died in 1839, at the age of 42 years, leaving his widow with the responsibility of rearing their six children. She proved equal to the task and to her motherly influence and teachings may be attributed the characters that were moulded. Her death occurred in 1875, when she was aged 75 years.

Asbury B. Caldwell was reared on the home farm and received but a modicum of schooling, developing, however, through his own efforts into a clear minded, intellectual man. He was but 11 years of age when his father died and it became necessary for him, as well as his brothers, to contribute to their own support at a very early age. When 16 years old he went to Claysville, Washington County, where he engaged as a clerk for a time, then formed a partnership with a Mr. Stillwagon. Under the firm name of Caldwell & Stillwagon, they operated a general store for three years, when Mr. Caldwell sold his interest to his partner, and in January, 1852, moved to Washington. He there became manager of William Smith's dry goods store and continued with that employer for 12 years. In 1865 he resumed business on his own responsibility, opening up a store in the room now occupied by the A. M. Brown firm. A close application to business and a judicious management of the same brought wonderful success and it was soon apparent that more commodious quarters must be secured and this led to his erection, in 1873, of one of the finest business blocks in the borough of Washington, on Main street, opposite the Court House. Upon its completion he filled his store rooms with a complete stock of dry goods, carpets, clothing and gentlemen's furnishings. It soon outstripped all competitors in point of size and quality and its immense patronage soon pushed the amount of sales to the six figure mark, annually. At the time of his death, Mar. 27, 1892, Mr. Caldwell was the only citizen in Washington paying a license of more than \$100 per year. for general busi-

ness, which is indicative of the magnitude which his establishment reached.

Aside from his store, Mr. Caldwell turned his attention to various business enterprises. He was the pioneer in the development of the oil fields adjacent to Washington, and had ten producing wells in Buffalo Township. In 1891 he organized the Leader Refining Company, of which he was owner, and erected a refinery on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, seven miles west of Washington, which had a capacity of 400 barrels a day. He was one of the organizers and the principal stockholder of the People's Light and Heat Company, and served as president of the company from its inception until his death. He was also a director in the Washington County Fire Insurance Company.

Although Mr. Caldwell through his own inherent qualities became one of the wealthiest men of Washington County, his gain did not remain a purely personal one, for no man did more to make Washington the flourishing and prosperous borough of the present than Asbury B. Caldwell. The residence, now occupied by his widow, at No. 140 East Wheeling street, was built by George Black and he purchased from Mrs. Martha Montgomery, and is unsurpassed in this city in its appointments and beauty. The broad, well-kept lawn and the magnificent conservatory were features in which he took keen delight and to add to their attractions was his constant ambition. He was a Democrat in politics, and although well informed on all matters pertaining to State and Nation, and believing it the duty of every man to go to the polls and cast his vote according to his principles, he never actively participated in political affairs. Honest and conscientious in all his transactions, vast as they were, his friends were numbered almost by his acquaintances, and in sincere mourning his fellow citizens followed him to his last resting place in the beautiful Washington Cemetery. As a neighbor and friend he had ever been cordial and sympathetic, and a kind heart prompted many charities, which were performed in a quiet and unostentatious manner, unknown to the public. He held the affection and confidence of the people to a remarkable degree, and had he aspired to a public career, would have had the loyal support of his constituents.

In 1858, Mr. Caldwell married Miss Mary Lonkert, a lady of the highest type of womanhood, who also is of a prominent and respected pioneer family of the county. The following children were born to this union: Minnie C., who is the wife of Dr. George Warne, of Chicago, Ill.; George C., who died leaving a widow, Mrs. Addie Caldwell, who resides at No. 78 South Wade avenue, Washington; Mrs. Essie Humphrey, who resides at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Charles S., who resides at No. 54 West Maiden street, Washington, married Eleanor Baird; and Mrs. Katherine C. McVey, who resides at No. 140 East

Wheeling street. The surviving children of Mr. Caldwell now compose the firm of the A. B. Caldwell Company, which under the management of Mr. Charles S. Caldwell has maintained the prestige it enjoyed under his father's control.

JOHN RALPH MAXWELL, M. D., a physician and surgeon at Washington, a member of the staff of the City Hospital and a leading member of his profession here, is a representative of one of the oldest and most substantial families in Washington County. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, in 1878, and is a son of the late Robert Graham Maxwell. The Maxwell family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and James Maxwell, the great-grandfather of Dr. Maxwell, came to Washington County as a pioneer. His son, John Maxwell, was born in Hopewell Township in 1810. He was a cabinetmaker by trade but later turned his attention to farming. The late Robert Graham Maxwell, son of John Maxwell, was born in Hopewell Township, in 1840, and engaged in farming and stock raising near Buffalo village. He died in 1881.

John R. Maxwell attended the public schools through boyhood and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in the class of 1898, immediately afterward entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. On his completion of the course he was graduated from that institution in 1901. For a year subsequent thereto he was resident physician in Mercy Hospital at Pittsburg and from there, in 1902, he came to Washington. He devotes himself to general practice and keeps in close touch with the progress made in his profession through his affiliation with leading medical organizations, including the Washington County and the Pennsylvania State Medical societies and the American Medical Association. He is an active citizen, taking much interest in good government and for some time has been a member of the school board.

Dr. Maxwell was married in June, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth B. Patterson, a daughter of Josiah Patterson, who is one of Washington's esteemed retired citizens. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell have two daughters, Florence Jane and Susan Mary. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell are members of the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington.

ROBERT W. CRISWELL, justice of the peace, in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., and the owner of two valuable farms, one containing ninety-seven acres and the other 132 acres, was born in this township, December 7, 1838. His parents were William and Sarah (Wallace) Criswell.

The Criswell ancestors came to Washington County from the western shore of Maryland. The father, William Criswell, was born near Canonsburg, in Washington



County, and the mother belonged to the old Wallace family of Hanover Township. To William and Sarah Criswell the following children were born: Marie, who is now deceased, was the wife of Jackson McClelland; Harriet, who is deceased, was the wife of Mahland H. Stokes; Robert W.; and Sarah A., who married R. S. Work. William Criswell was a hatter by trade but the latter part of his life was spent in a farm in Hanover Township, where he died, and his burial was at Florence.

Robert W. Criswell was mainly educated in select schools at Florence and after he put aside his books he assisted his father on the farm until he entered the Federal army as a soldier for the suppression of the rebellion. He enlisted on September 13, 1861, in Co. A, 55th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until November 22, 1864, serving all that time without a single furlough. He participated in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks and at the latter was wounded in the right side by a musket ball. He was placed in a hospital at White House, Va., from which he managed to escape in ten days and made his way back to his regiment. He also participated in the siege of Charleston on Morris Island in 1863. From that time on he saw very hard service and took part in some of the fiercest fighting that distinguished his regiment as one of the most courageous bodies of men in the whole army. His immediate commander was Gen. Quincy A. Gilmore. He escaped without further injury and at the end of his term of enlistment was honorably discharged and returned to the home farm.

On May 4, 1865, Mr. Criswell was married to Miss Harriet L. Tucker, a daughter of David and Sarah (Watt) Tucker, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Criswell was the third born in a family of eight children, the others being: Angelina, who is deceased; Mary E.; John W., who was killed during the Civil War, in the battle of the Wilderness; R. C., David S., Lemuel J., and Sarah J., who married Dr. Graham.

To Mr. and Mrs. Criswell two children were born: John T. and Sallie B. John T. was born February 18, 1866, and died November 6, 1902. Sallie B. was born August 2, 1869, and died January 7, 1908. She married Charles S. Ewing and they had two children: Robert Harley and Charles Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Criswell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hanover Township. Like his late father, Mr. Criswell is a Republican. In 1900 he served acceptably as township census enumerator. He is a valued member of W. S. Bradley Post, No. 286, G. A. R., at Burgettstown.

ROBERT M. EAGLESON, M. D., physician and surgeon at California, Pa., has built up a substantial practice here and has become identified with the leading interests of this college town. He was born in Mercer

County, Pa., January 25, 1870, and is a son of John and Margaret (Clark) Eagleson.

Dr. Eagleson was reared in Mercer County and obtained his primary education in the local schools and afterward attended the Edenburg State Normal School, and Grove City College. He spent the following three years in teaching school, remaining in Mercer County during two years of this time and spending the third year in Lawrence County. During this period he had completed his preliminary medical studies and then entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, and from that institution he was graduated in the class of 1897. He immediately entered into practice at Cross Creek, Washington County, remaining there until August, 1899, when he established himself at California, where his professional ability has been recognized and appreciated.

Dr. Eagleson was married to Miss Ella Lytle, who is a daughter of Joseph Lytle. He is identified with the fraternal order of Elks and he belongs also to various medical organizations.

LIEUT. A. S. EAGLESON, a leading citizen of Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., and a surviving veteran of the great Civil War, to which he devoted three years of his early manhood, was born in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., in March, 1836, and is a son of Rev. John and Mary (Stewart) Eagleson.

Rev. John Eagleson, D. D., who was a very prominent clergyman of the Presbyterian body in Pennsylvania, for many years, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on the same day that witnessed the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and in many respects their characters were similar. In 1829 he graduated from Jefferson College at Canonsburg, later from the Western Theological Seminary and before coming to Washington County, in 1833, he had been licensed to preach. He was a man of religious zeal and of scholarly attainments and for forty years was pastor of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church. His death occurred January 23, 1873. He was married (first) to Mary Stewart, and three children were born to that union, namely: A. S.; David S., who became a physician and is now deceased; and William S., who is a Presbyterian minister, residing at Columbus, Ohio. The second marriage of Dr. Eagleson was to Mary Gordon, and five children were born to them: Alexander G., who is a Presbyterian minister residing in Guernsey County, Ohio; Henry G., who is a farmer residing at Midway, Washington County, Pa.; Jane G., now deceased, who was the wife of Samuel D. Blaney, of Taylorstown; and Hannah and George, both of whom reside near West Liberty, Ohio County, W. Va.,

A. S. Eagleson attended the Hopewell Township schools and Buffalo Academy, and afterward taught school for

several years. The outbreak of the Civil War determined his career for the three succeeding years, for he enlisted in 1861, in Company K, 8th Pa. Reserve Vol. Corps, which was identified with the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many of the most important battles of that period, including: Mechanicsville, the seven days fighting in the Peninsula, the Second Battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Battle of the Wilderness, and Spottsylvania Court House, and he participated in the skirmishing and long and weary marching that fell to the soldier's lot. He gained promotion for bravery and at one time received a painful wound. He is identified with W. F. Templeton Post, No. 120, G. A. R., at Washington, of which he is past commander. Lieut. Eagleson, with tender emotion, recalls many of his brave comrades who shared hardships with him and remembers with especial affection the gallant tent-mate who carved for him the keystone watch charm he wears with pride, while the 5th Regiment was camping on the battlefield of Antietam.

After he had received his honorable discharge from military service, Lieut. Eagleson returned to Hopewell Township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising, and to a moderate degree he has also been a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. Besides this, he has made a business of surveying, and is a director in the Citizens' National Bank. In his younger years he took a lively interest in politics and frequently was elected to county offices. He served three years as county treasurer and one term as county surveyor.

Lieut. Eagleson was married in 1864, to Miss Jennie M. Pyles, of Washington County, who died in January, 1875. She was a daughter of James and Ann Eliza (Smith) Pyles, the former a farmer of Hopewell Township. They had four children born to them, namely: John, who resides at home; James P., who is a prominent attorney at Washington; and Margaret Smith and Andrew Stewart, both of whom reside at home. Lieut. Eagleson is a member of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for over forty years. Formerly he was active in the Masonic fraternity. He is a lineal descendant of the Byers people who were pioneer settlers of East Finley, from 1780 to 1790, whose descendants have become prominent from Pennsylvania to California.

CARL E. GIBSON, a prominent young attorney and a member of the well known law firm, McIlvaine, Vance & Gibson, of Monongahela City, Pa., was born July 9, 1873, in Fallowfield Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Capt. James B. Gibson.

Carl E. Gibson spent his boyhood days on a farm in Carroll Township, attended the distirct schools of the township, afterwards graduating from the Monongahela

high school in 1891, having walked to and from school each day. He subsequently taught for six years in Allegheny and Washington Counties, then engaged in the lumber business for three years with his brother, J. D. Gibson. In 1899 he entered the Pittsburg Law School, and after his graduation entered the office of B. E. Taumbaugh, of Washington, Pa., for one year, and after being admitted to the Washington County bar in 1902, formed a partnership with Oliver S. Scott, with whom he was associated but a short time, their partnership being dissolved in the spring of 1903, after which the present firm, McIlvaine, Vance & Gibson was established. Mr. Gibson is a Democrat, and was a candidate for district attorney in 1908, and has served as city solicitor for Monongahela City since 1904. He is a director in the Monongahela City Trust Company, and the First National Bank of this city. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the B. P. O. E., the Jr. O. U. A. M. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gibson was married (first) September 25, 1895, to Mary Lamont, who died in November, 1899, leaving three children: Mary, Lois, and Ruth. He was married (second) on June 20, 1907, to Jean E. Wycoff, and they reside in a comfortable home at No. 309 Third street.

D. F. CALDWELL, a prominent dealer in real estate and fire insurance, with office in the Washington Trust Building, has been a resident of Washington during the past fourteen years. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1851, and is a son of William Caldwell.

William Caldwell was born in County Down, Ireland, and was young at the time of his father's removal to the United States, the latter James Caldwell, purchasing a farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1812. He died on that place the following year. William Caldwell spent the remainder of his life on that farm, except two years which were passed on a farm he purchased, located about six miles east of the old homestead. He was a prominent citizen and a strong Abolitionist, being an important factor in the Underground Railway. He was captain of a military company in the early days and when the Civil War came on became captain of a company of Home Guards. His death occurred in 1866, shortly after the close of the war.

D. F. Caldwell was reared on the old homestead and educated in the district schools and at Ohio Central College in Morrow County, Ohio, which he attended one year. He then returned to the farm and engaged in farming and sheep raising successfully until about the year 1895, when he moved to the borough of Washington. Here he embarked in the real estate and insurance business and has been very active ever since, buying and selling real estate extensively and handling rentals. He





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handles many of the old and reliable fire insurance lines, and has a well established business in this branch. Mr. Caldwell has investments in various parts of the county and takes rank among the city's most substantial business men.

In 1885, he was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth McDonald, who was born in Beaver County, Pa., and was reared in Hancock County, W. Va. They are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Caldwell has been an elder for a number of years.

WILLIAM MALCOLM DINSMORE, deceased, formerly one of the best known and leading citizens of Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., whose useful life was brought to a close in February, 1906, was born on the farm where he lived ever afterward, January 25, 1848. His father was William Dinsmore, his grandfather was John Dinsmore, and his great-grandfather was James Dinsmore, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage.

William Malcolm Dinsmore grew to man's estate on the present farm, which is now occupied by the fifth generation. The old ancestral home, of brick construction, was built in 1810, and is one of the oldest residences in Washington County. The brick for the house was burned on the place in 1809. The frame work of the barn now standing was erected in 1818. Here William M. Dinsmore spent a happy life. He was a successful farmer and raised a large amount of good stock and was one of the leading sheep growers for many years, frequently owning 600 head at one time. He was a well informed man, having attended the country schools and also the high school at Buffalo and later kept posted on all current events of the country and directed his business and cast his vote intelligently. He was a Republican in his political views and took an interest in public matters but was well content with his life as a farmer and desired no political favors. He was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church of Buffalo village and served both as church treasurer and church trustee.

On November 10, 1875, Mr. Dinsmore was married to Miss Margaret J. Dinsmore, who was born in Hopewell Township, Washington County, and is a daughter of William W. and Mary J. (Maxwell) Dinsmore. The father was born in Mt. Pleasant Township and the mother in Hopewell Township, both being now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Dinsmore the following children were born: John Alvin, S. Adaline, R. Helen and Mary Daisy, the latter of whom is deceased. Of the above family, J. Alvin is the practical manager of this large estate, comprising 287 acres of very valuable land situated in Canton Township. He is well qualified, having attended the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College, where he took a course in dairying. He is a wide-awake, progressive young man, imbued with modern ideas and

with the good judgment which assists him in successfully carrying them out.

ROBERT F. STEVENSON, proprietor of the Stevenson Laundry, having the best equipped and most modern laundry plant in Washington, Pa., was born in Ligonier, Montgomery County, Pa., October 28, 1863, and was eight years old when his parents moved to Corsica, Jefferson County. In 1877 he accompanied them to Washington, Pa. His father, now deceased, was the Rev. Ross Stevenson, D. D., who preached through the western part of Pennsylvania for over fifty years.

Robert F. Stevenson was educated in the public schools of Ligonier, Corsica Academy, Paris Academy and Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg. His first self supporting work was done as an employee of the grocery house of J. A. Stewart & Company, of Chicago, Ill., where he remained for a year and a half, afterward going to the Wholesale Fertilizer Company, of the same city, and remaining three years. In 1882 he returned to Washington, and in 1889 he started the Stevenson Laundry, on a modest scale, having five girls and two men as his full working force. The business prospered from the first and in 1901 Mr. Stevenson built on his present site. In 1905 he rebuilt, erecting his three-story brick building, on Washington street, the dimensions of which are 30 by 100 feet. Mrs. Stevenson has made a careful study of his business and has spared no expense in equipping his plant, every device and up-to-date machine being in use that will further the work and ensure satisfaction to the patrons. He gives constant employment to eighteen girls and eight men and has four laundry wagons.

In 1891 Mr. Stevenson was married to Miss Linda E. Leech, who was formerly principal of the Second Ward school of Washington. They have one son, Pressly. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members of the Third Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally, is identified with the Masons, Odd Fellows and Heptasophs.

THOMAS M. REESE, justice of the peace at Canonsburg and a thoroughly representative citizen, who is also engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business, was born at Britton Ferry, Wales, May 24, 1872, and is a son of John and Mary (Williams) Reese.

Both parents of Mr. Reese were born in Wales and they came to America with their children, in 1882, locating at Pittsburg, where the father secured work in the steel mills. Two of his brothers, Evan and Charles, were already employed in industrial plants in that locality. John Reese and family moved to Canonsburg, Pa., in 1883 and he has resided here ever since, with the exception of six months spent at Greenville, in Mer-

cer County, Pa., in 1886, and was employed in the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Works until he retired. To John and Mary Reese were born three sons and four daughters, Thomas M. being the second in order of birth. The others are: Elizabeth Ann, who is the widow of George Forester, of Canonsburg; Jessie Mary, who resides at home; Keziah, who is the wife of Bernard L. Comerford, resides at Canonsburg; John Reese, Jr., who lives at home; David Charles, who is with the McClintock-Marshall Construction Company, at Carnegie; and Edith, who resides with her parents.

Thomas M. Reese began work in the Canonsburg iron and steel plant when he was 13 years old, having attended school prior to this both at Pittsburg and Canonsburg. He worked continuously for the same company until 1902, with the exception of one and one-half years when he was serving as a soldier in the Philippine Islands. He was a member of Co. H, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., and spent one year in the Island of Luzon, and was mustered out of the service on Aug. 22, 1899. For about one year, Mr. Reese then served as a clerk in the office of the Fort Pitt Bridge plant, in 1904 embarking in his present business.

Mr. Reese has been an active citizen, a strong supporter of law and order and his efficiency has been recognized on many occasions. In 1898 he was elected borough auditor for a term of three years, but resigned at the end of two years on account of being elected a member of the Council, in 1900, for three years, and served as the president of that body for one year. In 1903 he was elected Burgess of Canonsburg and served most acceptably to all concerned, until 1906, when he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, for a term of five years. On May 3, 1890, to gratify a military ambition, he made application for a cadetship at West Point, but just about that time he was accidentally and severely burned and although his examination secured him the place of alternate, the scar left by the burn prevented his appointment. In many ways it seemed an unjust discrimination and was a great disappointment as he had prepared himself for the rigid examination by diligent study. However, other avenues of usefulness opened up and his fellow citizens prefer to have his advice and help at home rather than the credit to them he might have earned as a soldier.

On Sept. 26, 1906, Mr. Reese was married to Miss Jennie M. Halpin, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Higgins) Halpin, of Moundsville, W. Va. They have two children: Thomas Halpin, born July 23, 1907; and John Paul, born in June, 1909. Mr. Reese was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

With all classes Mr. Reese is a popular citizen. He has always been sympathetic with the working class and during the years when he was closely identified with the

steel and iron industry as an employe himself, he associated himself with the great Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, where his qualities soon made him a leader. As such he represented the local body in the National conventions of the association, in 1893-94-95-98 and 1900, 1902 and 1904. On many occasions his calm judgment assisted in solving perplexing questions and in bringing peace where there might have resulted war.

JAMES M. DINSMORE, a prosperous and highly respected farmer, who owns 172 acres of valuable land, lying along the Washington and Wellsburg road, in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born September 1, 1853, in this township and has spent his life here. His parents were William Wilberforce and Mary (Maxwell) Dinsmore.

The Dinsmore family came among the pioneers to Washington County. The great-grandfather, James Dinsmore, came to America in 1798 and probably settled then in this section. Both parents of Mr. Dinsmore have passed away and their remains rest in the Upper Buffalo Cemetery. They had the following children: Margaret J., who is the widow of Malcolm Dinsmore, of Canton Township; Hattie A., who is the wife of Luther Lawton, of Hickory village; James M., of Hopewell Township; Benjamin F., who resides in Canton Township; Mary L., now deceased, who was the first wife of J. O. Ely; Robert A., who is a dentist in practice at Cleveland, Ohio; and Emma R., who is the second wife of J. O. Ely.

James M. Dinsmore has been engaged in agricultural pursuits almost since boyhood. His education was obtained in the district schools. He owns a fine tract of land, one that has been made very productive through his careful tillage. His surroundings all indicate thrift and comfort.

Mr. Dinsmore was married November 18, 1880, to Miss Flora Donaldson, a daughter of Robert S. and Rachel (Walker) Donaldson, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have an exceedingly intelligent family, all members of which have been given superior educational advantages. The eldest daughter, Grace W., is a highly cultivated young lady and talented in music which she teaches. She attended Blairsville College for two years. Mary J., the second daughter, is a graduate of the Washington High School. Robert Edwin is a graduate of Van Orden's Business College at Washington, and William Lloyd, who attended the University of Pennsylvania for one year. All yet reside under the home roof. The family belongs to the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Dinsmore has been an elder for a number of years. Mrs. Dinsmore is much interested in the church missionary work. Mr. Dinsmore takes only

the interest of a voter in politics. He is a Republican and frequently has been importuned to accept offices, but has always declined such honors.

**HARRY WINFIELD BLACK CANNON**, attorney-at-law, has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1906.

Mr. Cannon was born in the old Black homestead in the Twenty-second Ward of Pittsburgh, in 1881, and was there reared. After completing the prescribed course in the public schools, he entered Washington and Jefferson Academy, and later Washington and Jefferson College. He completed a law course in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., graduating with the Class of 1906. After spending some time in the West, he located in 1908 at Washington, Pa., where he has since practiced very successfully. During his short residence here he has gained a high position at the bar.

In June, 1908, Mr. Cannon was married to Miss Eleanor Aiken, of Washington, Pa. Fraternally, he is a member of Braddock Lodge, B. P. O. E.

**BENJAMIN M. TALBOT**, editor and manager of The Enterprise, a weekly newspaper, and The Burgettstown Publishing Company, at Burgettstown, Pa., is an enterprising young business man, one whose success in journalistic work indicates that he has found the right channel for his activities. He was born at Denver, Colo., Jan. 15, 1891, and is a son of Robert H. Talbot and wife, the former of whom died Sept. 28, 1902, and the latter of whom is a resident of Burgettstown, Pa.

Mr. Talbot attended school at Denver. At the age of 14 years, after coming to Washington County, Pa., he entered the Record office at McDonald, where he learned the printing trade, coming later to The Enterprise at Burgettstown, where, after some months, he was advanced to the position of editor and manager. The Enterprise is an independent weekly journal, among the oldest established in the county, and as it has no political bias is acceptable as a purveyor of news to every citizen and finds its way into the majority of the homes of the town and adjacent country. Mr. Talbot is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown.

**HARRY L. WILLIAMS**, a busy practitioner of the Washington County bar and a member of the reliable and able law firm of McIlvaine & Williams, was born in 1871, in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of David N. and Julia (Greenlee) Williams.

Francis H. Williams, the grandfather of Harry L., built the old stone house in Washington County in

which the latter was born, and it is one of the old landmarks and is still occupied by a member of the family. Francis H. Williams was one of the earliest settlers in Fallowfield Township and there his son, David N. was born, in June, 1840. David N. Williams is a large farmer and an extensive breeder and dealer in sheep, and resides within sight of the old place, although on his own farm. He married Julia Greenlee, a daughter of John Greenlee, of Clarksville, Greene County, and they had four children, namely: Harry L.; John A. and William J., twins, the latter of whom is deceased; and Charles E. John A. Williams served in the 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Spanish-American War. He now is engaged in farming in Nottingham Township, and Charles E. is a farmer in Fallowfield Township.

Harry L. Williams attended the Washington County schools and the California State Normal School, subsequently teaching school for some years and during this period did a large amount of private law reading. Later he graduated from Duff's Business College and then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 1893. He did not enter into practice, however, for several years. In 1900 he was admitted to the Washington County bar and later to all the state courts and ever since has commanded a very satisfactory practice. He has been a very active and interested citizen and in 1905 he served as chairman of the Citizens' Organization, and also served acceptably for three years as Burgess of East Washington.

On April 6, 1904, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Anna Blanche Weir, a daughter of Robert E. Weir, of Morris Township, Washington County, and they have one child, Julia Inez. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington. He is identified prominently with the Elks and is past exalted ruler of the local organization.

**JAMES M. COLLINS**, manager of the Pittsburgh Grocery Company at Canonsburg, was born at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa., Dec. 27, 1880, and is a son of James and Mary E. (Bryson) Collins.

The parents of Mr. Collins reside at Uniontown, where the father is superintendent of the jail and court house. They reared the following children: Ada, residing at home; Belle, wife of George S. Daugherty, of Pittsburgh; John, residing at Pittsburgh; Charles, a resident of Uniontown; James M., of Canonsburg; M. R., residing at Pittsburgh; and Clara, Edna, Loma and Dorothy, all residing at home.

James M. Collins received his education in the public schools and at Madison Academy, at Uniontown. He began his business life as an employe of the grocery firm of George S. Daugherty & Co., of Pittsburgh, where

he remained for six years, coming to Canonsburg on June 1, 1904, and since then has been manager of the Pittsburg Grocery Company. His experience of eleven years in this line has made him thoroughly acquainted with the demands of the trade as well as a competent judge of commodities and of the best and most economical way of handling the same. He is numbered with the successful and popular business men of Canonsburg.

In Pittsburg, Mr. Collins was married to Miss Catherine Dornberg, a daughter of Herman Dornberg, and they have three children: Harold, Ruth and Kenneth. Mr. Collins and family are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to Charters Lodge No. 297, F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 893, Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 204, Knights of Pythias, and to the Sons of Veterans, his father having been a soldier in the Civil War.

J. OLIVER PRIGG, a retired farmer of Canton Township, Washington County, now residing at 192 Jefferson avenue, Washington, Pa., was born Oct. 12, 1854, in Canton Township and is a son of James and Caroline (Mounts) Prigg.

James Prigg was born in Washington County in 1820, a son of Samuel Prigg, who was one of the earliest settlers of Washington County. James spent his active life in general farming and stock raising, the last ten or twelve years of his life being passed in Washington, where he died Dec. 13, 1895. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Caroline Mounts, who was born in this county and comes of one of the oldest families in this locality. They were the parents of the following children: J. Oliver, the subject of this sketch; Laura, who married Stephen Halpin of Washington, Pa.; and Amanda, who died at the age of 14 years.

J. Oliver Prigg was reared and educated in his native township, and was there engaged in farming and stock raising until two years ago. He then came to Washington, where he has since lived in retirement, although still managing his farming interests in Canton Township, where he owns two tracts of land—the homestead farm of 118½ acres and an additional farm of 75½ acres on the Taylorstown Road.

On Jan. 13, 1881, Mr. Prigg was united in marriage with Della Weir, a daughter of William C. and Sarah (Mounts) Weir, and a granddaughter of Adam Weir, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Weir were the parents of the following children: William J.; Mamie C., who married J. C. Hale of Oklahoma; and Della, the wife of the subject of this sketch. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Prigg, namely: Minnie Maud, who married C. Vance Linn, and resides with her parents; and Harry Cleveland, who

resides on the homestead farm in Canton Township. He married Cora Elizabeth Mounts, and they have a son, Le Roy Mounts Prigg, born Sept. 6, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Prigg are members of the Third Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Prigg is also a member of the Brotherhood.

JAMES STEPHENSON, whose death occurred on May 7, 1904, was one of Hanover Township's esteemed and respected citizens for many years. He was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 9, 1825, and was a son of Thomas and Isabel (Martin) Stephenson.

The late James Stephenson obtained the usual education of the country boy when he was young and very early became acquainted with all the necessary details of farm life. He was a quiet, industrious, capable and good man, doing his duty to his family, his neighborhood and his country. Through his good management he acquired an excellent farm of 66 acres on which he placed many improvements and this property, unincumbered, belongs to his widow and children. He was identified with the Republican party. With his wife he belonged to the Methodist Protestant Church at Eldersville. He was one of a family of eight children: John, James, David, Margaret, Isabel, Cyrus, Nancy and Thomas.

On Jan. 23, 1868, James Stephenson was married to Mary C. Crossland, a daughter of George and Mary (Iker) Crossland. They never lived in Washington County, their home being at Connellsville, in Fayette County, where Mrs. Stephenson was born, her mother dying at her birth. Her father survived but six months. She was reared by her paternal grandparents, who were Richard and Rebecca Crosslands. Mrs. Stephenson resides on the farm in Hanover Township and is a lady who has a wide circle of friends. To Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson the following children were born: James, who married in the far west and has two children—Mary and James; Charles T. and William M., twins, the latter of whom is deceased; George, who operates the home farm; Ada Belle, who married Theodore McEwen, has one son, Raymond McEwen; Nannie Viola, who married James Anderson, has had two children; John Oscar; Harry Bemis; Minnie Wilda, who married John R. Wilson; and Mary Margaret, who is a teacher in Smith Township.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN PAINTER, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Independence Township, operating his valuable farm of 160 acres, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1854, and is a son of John and Susannah (Williams) Painter.

The father of Mr. Painter was a substantial farmer



and the family was a large one. The family record is as follows: Maria, who is deceased; Adaline, who was the wife of Jacob Mitchell, deceased, of Westmoreland County; Catherine, who was the wife of James Culbertson, deceased, of Westmoreland County; Christopher, who died in Westmoreland County; Jacob, who is deceased; Tobias, deceased, who spent the greater part of his life in Kansas; Harrison, who is deceased; Susan, now deceased, who was the wife of Rev. J. M. Hantz; Israel, who is now a resident of Missouri; Joseph Benjamin; and Lucinda, who died in infancy.

Joseph B. Painter attended the common schools of Westmoreland County, West Newton, Mt. Pleasant High School, Academy and the Columbia Classical College in Lancaster County, and later graduated from the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg. He then devoted some time to the study of Blackstone, with a view of entering the law, but later abandoned that ambition and accepted a favorable opening in the oil business. He continued to be identified with that great industry for 12 years and after retiring from the same, located on his present fine farm not far from Avella, where he has successfully pursued agriculture ever since.

In 1877, Mr. Painter was married to Miss Phebe Manchester, a daughter of the late Asa Manchester and a member of one of the old and leading families of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Painter have four children: Asa Manchester, who is married and resides in Independence; J. M., who resides at home and assists his father; Stanley II., who is a student in the State College of Pennsylvania; and Clarence R., who is a student in the Hickory High School. Mr. Painter and family belong to the Presbyterian Church of Lower Buffalo.

In politics, Mr. Painter is nominally a Democrat, but he reserves the right to vote independently when his judgment impels him to do so. Formerly he took a lively interest in public affairs and frequently consented to hold office, for nine years being a school director in Clarion County, and for three years a member of the borough council at Edinburg, in that county. In the fall of 1909 he was chosen a member of the United States Jury, sitting at Pittsburg. For many years he has been prominently identified with Masonry, is a member of Washington Lodge No. 164, F. & A. M., and has served the Lodge and Chapter by filling the chairs; is a member of Syria Shrine of Pittsburg, and was a charter member of Edinburg Lodge No. 550 and of Clarion Chapter in Clarion County. He belongs also to the Elks. He is an active grange worker; is a member of Avella Grange No. 1371, and is district deputy of Washington County and a past master of his subordinate and Pomona Granges. He is a fluent writer

and a ready debater. Few men have led a more active life than the subject of this sketch.

EDWARD C. STEWART, superintendent of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company of Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city for the past 13 years. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1869, and is a son of James C. Stewart, who was for years engaged in railroad contracting, but spent his later years on a ranch in Southwestern Texas. Mr. Stewart is of Scotch-Irish descent and comes of one of Pennsylvania's oldest and best families, it having been established in Lancaster County during the colonial era and from thence removing to Allegheny and Washington Counties at an early period.

When quite young Mr. Stewart's parents moved to Southwestern Texas, where he attended the common schools until about 1886, when he came north and located near the "S" Bridge, where he completed his education. Upon entering the business world, he was first employed in an insurance office in Pittsburg, after which he was with the Pittsburg Stone Company until 1896, when the Atlas Glass Company of Washington was established, since which time he has been superintendent of the factory. He is also interested as a stockholder in the company, and gives his entire time to the business, having no lodge or club affiliations. Mr. Stewart attends the Presbyterian Church.

MORGAN R. PRIGG, a representative citizen and farmer of Canton Township, resides on his valuable farm, the old Prigg homestead, which contains 150 acres, on which he carries on farming and stock raising, and was born here, Mar. 24, 1873, a son of Enoch D. and Matilda M. (Daniels) Prigg. His father was born in Washington County and his mother in what is now West Washington.

Enoch D. Prigg was born in Washington County, Pa., Nov. 11, 1817, and died Aug. 26, 1901. His parents were Samuel and Hetty (Dye) Prigg, with whom he continued to reside until they no longer needed his assistance. In the course of years and business transactions he acquired the homestead and lived on it until death, later acquiring also other valuable land until his possessions aggregated 385 acres, some of this land in the South owned in connection with a stock company. He was married in June, 1858, to Matilda M. Daniels, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth M. Daniels, who was born May 24, 1839, and came of Scotch ancestry. To this marriage the following children were born: Andrew M., who resides at Washington; Sarah J., who is the wife of Charles Taylor, of Canton Township; Isabel, who is the wife of E. C. Longdon, of Washington; Annie C., who is the wife of James Laeock, of Canton

Township; and Morgan R., also residing in Canton Township. The venerable mother of the above family resides on the homestead in Canton Township.

Morgan R. Prigg has devoted himself closely to agricultural pursuits ever since his schooldays ended. He has given a large amount of attention to the subject of sheep raising and therefore follows it intelligently, his choice of stock being the National Delaine. They are satisfying wool growers and possess other desirable points.

On Sept. 29, 1897, Mr. Prigg was married to Miss Lillian B. Ramsey, who is a daughter of the late William C. Ramsey, who was a very prominent citizen of Washington County and former sheriff. He was born in Amwell Township Mar. 5, 1843. He married Elizabeth Sowers, who was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and they had five children, namely: Ulysses B., residing at Washington, Pa.; Levi H., residing in South Franklin Township; Kate F., living at Washington; Wilmetta M., now deceased; and Luman D., who is the wife of Mr. Prigg. To Mr. and Mrs. Prigg four children have been born: E. Wray, Florence J., William L. and Mauveleen M. Mr. Prigg and wife are members of the Fourth Presbyterian Church at Washington. Like his late respected father, he is a Democrat in his political opinions.

WILLIAM CLARK BLACK, the founder and managing editor of the "Union Labor Journal," the first Labor paper in Washington County, Pa., with offices in the Brown Building, Washington, Pa., was born in this city May 23, 1873, a son of George W. Black, Jr. His paternal grandfather, George W. Black, Sr., was in the tobacco and cigar business, and was the originator of the now familiar "stogie."

George W. Black, Jr., was educated in this county and subsequently entered the tobacco business, in which he continued until his death. He married Myra Belle Crall, of Monongahela, and their children were Samuel, Martha Elizabeth, Mary Etta, William Clark, George, Lucy Hazlett and Myra.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Washington County. On January 27, 1887, he entered the office of the old "Washington County Democrat," to learn the printer's trade. After getting some insight into the business, he went to Chicago, Ill., where he found employment for a time on the "Inter Ocean." From the office of that paper he went to that of the old Chicago "Mail," and from there to the "Morning News." He next worked on the "Times," at the time that paper was edited by Carter H. Harrison. In September, 1897, he went to the State of California, where after some residence received an appointment to a position in the State Printing Office

at Sacramento, and worked there and in the State for some six years. Lived also in Oregon, where he worked for some time on the "Rogue River Courier," at Grant's Pass, Josephine County. He also had considerable newspaper experience in the State of Washington, and the copper mining regions of Shasta County, Cal., Keswick, De La Mar, Sallee and Copper City; as well as in the Mother Lode gold mining district of California, Calaveras and Amador Counties. In April, 1894, he returned to Washington, Pa., and in March, 1907, founded the "Union Labor Journal," of Washington and Greene Counties. This paper is the official newspaper of the Washington Central Trade Assembly, of Washington, Pa., and also of the Monongahela Valley Central Trades Council, located at Charleroi.

Mr. Black is a member of Typographical Union No. 456, and for the last seven years has been the Washington (Pa.) correspondent for the "Typographical Journal." He was elected delegate from this local to Boston (Mass.) in 1908. He was secretary of the Washington Central Trades Assembly for three years, serving one term as treasurer and was district organizer of the American Federation of Labor for Washington, Pa., and the vicinity two and a half terms. In politics he is independent, and his religious affiliations are with the Episcopal Church. Mr. Black is unmarried and resides with his mother, Mrs. George W. Black, at No. 276 Locust avenue.

WILLIAM S. VANCE, a representative business man of Washington, conducting a drug business at No. 66 North Main street, can claim descent from two of the old and honorable pioneer families of Washington County. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 24, 1872, and is the younger of two sons born to his parents, who were William and Nancy (Dinsmore) Vance.

William Vance was also a native of Washington County and died on April 30, 1872. His widow still survives and since October, 1874, has occupied her beautiful Washington home, which is situated at No. 246 East Beau street. She was born in Washington County and is a daughter of Robert W. Dinsmore, also a native of this county, who was engaged in farming and stock raising all his life.

William S. Vance was reared in Washington County. He began his education in the public schools, graduating with the high school class of 1889 and afterwards attending Washington and Jefferson College. When about 17 years old he began the study of pharmacy and was employed as a clerk in different drug stores of Washington until 1900, when he engaged in the retail drug business for himself at his present stand. He is a graduate of the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy (now a de-



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partment of the University of Pittsburgh) in the class of 1896.

On Feb. 12, 1906, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Lou Catherine Woodard, of Washington, Pa., and they have one son, William Woodard. Mr. and Mrs. Vance are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He is identified fraternally with the Elks.

JOHN L. COCKINS, vice president of the First National Bank of Canonsburg and a prominent citizen, was born near Hickory, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., May 31, 1847. His parents were John and Elizabeth (McCarrell) Cockins.

The paternal grandfather of John L. Cockins came to Washington County from Eastern Pennsylvania, at a very early date, established a home on the border, assisted in bringing civilization to what was then a wild section, and after a long and useful life, passed away and his memory is preserved with that of the other pioneers.

John Cockins, father of John L., was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, in 1799, and was a child when the family came to Washington County. He became a man of substance and spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in July, 1865, when he was aged 66 years. He married Elizabeth McCarrell, a daughter of Lodowick McCarrell, early settlers also in Washington County. She died in 1889 in her 84th year and was laid by the side of her husband, in a cemetery at Venice, Pa. They were parents of ten children, eight of whom reached maturity. Vincent, the eldest, became a minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and never married. At the time of his death, he was pastor of the Fourth Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg. Lavina married Alexander Russell and lived and died at Burgettstown. Margaret and Belle H. died unmarried. William married Miss Anna Welch and for 40 years they have resided at Lawrence, Kas., spending a part of their time in California. He is a successful business man and is interested in real estate. Martha Jane, who died in Mt. Pleasant Township, was the wife of William Berry. James M. is a Presbyterian minister, residing at Los Angeles, Cal. He married (first) Jennie Bosserman, and (second) Anna Miller.

John L. Cockins is the youngest born of the above family. He was educated in the common schools and took a commercial course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, and after his return home engaged in farming, operating the old home farm in Mt. Pleasant Township until 1875, in which year he moved to Canonsburg. He still owns the old homestead, together with another farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, a third farm in West Finley Township and still another, situated at Dinsmore Station, in Smith Township. His interests

in realty at Canonsburg are also extensive and he is connected with the Canonsburg Land Company, the Alexander Land Company and the Cockins and Johnston plat of lots in Canonsburg. He is interested in other concerns, being a director as well as vice president of the First National Bank and a stockholder in the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Works.

In 1873, Mr. Cockins was married to Miss Anna Morgan, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Martin) Morgan, old settlers in Mt. Pleasant Township, who died about 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Cockins have two children: Howard L. and Alice May. Howard L. Cockins was born in January, 1874, was reared and educated at Canonsburg, and for the past 12 years has been engaged in the furniture business. He married Miss Edith Perritt, a daughter of George Perritt, who formerly was sheriff of Washington County. Mrs. Cockins was reared at Canonsburg. Alice May Cockins is the wife of Dr. William English, a practicing physician at Columbus, O., and they have two sons—John C. and William D. Mr. Cockins and family enjoy a beautiful modern home, which is located on West Pike street, which was completed in 1892. In 1903 the family visited California, but no climatic nor business advantages served to separate Mr. Cockins, except temporarily, from Pennsylvania. He has always been identified with the Republican party, but has led too active a business life to have been able to devote much attention to public office. He has, however, served as a justice of the peace for a quarter of a century. His interest in educational matters has been genuine and constant and for nine years he served on the school board. He is a leading member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, an elder in the same and has done much to promote the efficiency of the Sunday-school and for some 33 years served as assistant superintendent and as treasurer.

JAMES F. WESTLAKE, who has been postmaster at Independence, Washington County, Pa., since 1903, came to this village in 1856. Mr. Westlake was born April 13, 1846, in West Middletown, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of James and Mary (Miller) Westlake.

Benjamin Westlake, the grandfather of James F., was born in Ohio and came to Washington County in 1826. He was a man widely known in his day as a brave and venturesome frontiersman, and made several trips by flat-boat to New Orleans, the trip back being made on foot, quite an undertaking in those days. On one of these return trips, while passing through an Indian village, he received a tomahawk wound, which left a livid scar on his face.

James Westlake learned the trade of shoemaker when 16 years old at Barnesville, Ohio, and worked with his uncle until after his marriage, when he engaged in busi-

ness on his own account at West Middletown, Pa., and there continued to reside for 14 years. When he came to Independence, in 1856, and here carried on his trade until within four years of his death, which occurred in 1909. Mr. Westlake was married to Mary Miller, of Donegal Township, and to them the following children were born: Jennie, the widow of J. B. Fouch, of Donora; James Fletcher; John S., residing in Canton, Ohio; Cassius M., minister of the Congregational Church at Sheldon, Iowa; William H. S., residing in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Bertha, who died in infancy.

James Fletcher Westlake attended the district school of the place of his nativity, and later entered Mt. Union College at Mt. Union, Ohio, which he left in 1864, when 18 years of age, to enlist in the 162nd O. Vol. Inf. at Canton, Ohio. He saw four months of active service at Camp Chase and in Central Kentucky, and after the close of hostilities he became a private in the regular army and for three years saw service in Southeast Dakota during the trouble with the Sioux Indians. In 1868 he came back to Independence, where he went to work with his father, as a shoemaker, and he has made this city his home to the present time, with the exception of two years spent in Fayette County.

In June, 1873, Mr. Westlake was married to Mary F. Fouché, who is a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (King) Fouché, of Centerville, Somerset County, Pa., and to this union there have been born children, as follows: Jeanette, who married Robert E. Scott, residing near Irwin, Pa.; James Edward, a school teacher of Washington, Pa., and Frank Ross, a clerk in the Avella bank.

Mr. Westlake is a Republican in politics, and in addition to having been postmaster since 1903, has served as township clerk, tax collector and in other capacities. For a number of years he has been a trustee of the Methodist Church of Independence.

**NORMAN EMMETT CLARK**, who has practiced law in Washington, Pa., since 1885, was born in what is now South Franklin Township, Washington County, Nov. 8, 1861, and is a son of John Gaylord and Sarah Clokey Clark.

Mr. Clark attended the public schools of the county and Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated with the Class of 1882. He then registered as a law student and was admitted to the bar of the county Dec. 16, 1885. He entered upon the practice of his profession immediately and in 1886 was made deputy clerk of courts of Washington County. Upon the death of the clerk he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term. He then practiced by himself until the year 1889, when he entered the firm of A. W. and M. C. Acheson. Upon the retirement of Judge Acheson,

the firm became Acheson, Irwin and Clark, and later Acheson, Clark and Berryman. In 1899, Mr. Berryman withdrew from the firm and moved to Pittsburg, the firm having prior to that time become Clark and Berryman, upon the withdrawal of Mr. Acheson. Mr. Clark practiced alone until 1904, when the firm of Parker, Melvaine and Clark was formed. Since 1907, Mr. Melvaine and Mr. Clark have been associated alone, the firm being Melvaine & Clark. They practice in all the State and Federal Courts and have offices in the Washington Trust Building. Mr. Clark has been solicitor for the borough of East Washington since 1894, and enjoys the distinction of being the only solicitor that borough has had since it was created. He has been local counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad continuously since 1893. He is a member of the Washington County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and served two terms each as vice-president and president of the former body.

In 1892, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Sarah Hanna Flack, a native of Washington County, N. Y., and they have three children: John Gaylord, Norman Emmett and Mary Foster Clark.

**W. F. SCOTT**, general merchant and representative citizen at Burgettstown, a member of the Board of Health and identified with many important interests of the borough, was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., Nov. 7, 1856. His father, R. K. Scott, is a general farmer in Smith Township.

W. F. Scott obtained his education in the local schools and at Burgettstown, after which he remained at home assisting his father on the farm until he was 23 years old. He then came to Burgettstown to enter into business and formed a partnership which resulted in the establishing of the firm of McMurray & Scott, which continued for ten years. At the close of the decade, Mr. Scott sold his interest to his partner and then started into a general store business for himself, at his present location. He carries a large stock, including dry goods and groceries and also handles flour and feed. In politics he is a Democrat and has been interested in public matters ever since he came to the borough as a permanent resident. He has served usefully on the borough council and is recognized as one of the responsible and representative men of the place.

On Jan. 19, 1887, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Hannah May Lee, a daughter of W. S. Lee, and they have two children, Hazel and Merle, both of whom, after graduating from the Burgettstown schools, entered a seminary near Philadelphia, to pursue a higher course. Mr. Scott and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church, with which he has been connected since boyhood.

A. P. DUNCAN, treasurer of the Duncan & Miller Glass Company, at Washington, and a director in the Real Estate Trust Company, is a representative business man of this city and has been identified with glass manufacturing all his business life. He was born in 1875, at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of the late James E. Duncan, the founder of the present large glass business, with plant situated at Jefferson avenue and Factory street.

A. P. Duncan was educated at Pittsburg and at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, where he was graduated in the class of 1896. He immediately entered into the business of glass manufacturing, as an employer of the firm of George Duncan's Sons, and after the business was incorporated, in 1900, as the Duncan & Miller Glass Company, he became treasurer. The business is one of large importance, employment being afforded about 190 people, the output of the factory being high grade table glass ware, with a number of specialties from private molds.

JOHN S. McCARTY, one of the old representative business men of McDonald, Pa., senior member of the firm of McCarty & Sons, dealers in lumber, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., Sept. 27, 1846, and is a son of John and Jane (Roseberry) McCarty.

The parents of Mr. McCarty were farming people in Mt. Pleasant Township and in their day were well known and highly respected. They were members of the Candor Presbyterian Church and were interred in the cemetery there. Their parents were Timothy and Jane (McConnell) McCarty, and Benjamin and Mary (Donaldson) Roseberry. John S. McCarty, the fifth member of his parents' family, is one of the three survivors, Benjamin R. and Elizabeth being the others. Martha J., wife of Russell Thompson, Timothy, James H. and Thomas D., all are deceased.

John S. McCarty had common school advantages in his youth and then assisted his father on the home farm until he was 30 years of age. About 1879 he embarked in the lumber business at Midway and after seven years sold out to his brother on account of a desire to visit California. He remained in the far West for six years and after he returned to Washington County bought a one-half interest in a lumber and hardware business, which he continued interested in until 1894. In the following year he came to McDonald and here went into business with J. W. Robb, in April, 1905, purchasing his partner's share and identifying his sons with him. The firm does a large business all through this section. For four years he served as postmaster at Midway under President Cleveland's first administration in Robeson Township.

In October, 1874, Mr. McCarty was married to Miss Anna M. Lindsey, a daughter of William and Anna (Vaneman) Lindsey, who were much respected residents of Washington County, Mr. Lindsey being a substantial farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey had the following children: Sarah, who is the widow of Richard Boyce; John, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who married Hamilton Kennedy; Alexander V.; Rebecca, who is deceased, was the first wife of Dr. A. C. Stevenson; Margaret; Rena, who is deceased, was the second wife of Dr. A. C. Stevenson; Robert; Rachel, who married Joseph W. Robb; and Anna M., wife of Mr. McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have had four children: John W. K. and Robert V., are associated with their father in business; and Bertie Jane and Clifford, both died young. The family attends the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McCarty is a member of Garfield Lodge No. 464, F. & A. M., at Burgettstown, Pa.

WILLIAM M. THOMPSON, the well-known gardener and successful fruit grower of N. Franklin Township, Washington County, who has resided on his present place which contains more than 73 acres of enriched land since 1903, was born in Ohio County, W. Va., Mar. 2, 1863. His parents were Armor and Nancy (Linton) Thompson.

The paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland and when he came to America he settled in Greene County, Pa., and there Armor Thompson was born, who subsequently moved to Ohio County, W. Va., where he married Nancy Linton, whose grandfather, David Linton, was born in Scotland, but lived many years in West Virginia. Armor Thompson died when his son, William M., was 15 years old and was survived by his widow until the son had about reached his 24th year.

In all essentials, William M. Thompson is a self-made man. He obtained his education in the common schools of Elm Grove, W. Va., and as far as his strength permitted, assisted his father on the home farm. He was only 16 when he took entire charge and continued to manage the property for his mother until her death, in 1891. He then left his native state and came to Washington County, Pa., locating in North Franklin Township and here followed gardening and fruit growing and with such success that he became well known in the industries mentioned. In 1903 he secured his present land which is favorably situated within a short distance of Washington and just off the National Road. It is an interesting place to visit and in blossoming and harvest time is a very delightful one. He has set out 2,500 fruit trees, devoting ten acres to the same, and has almost every variety that will do well in this climate. These include 300 apple, 600 peach, 300 pear, 100 plum, with quince and cherry trees, all being of choicest se-

lection and attended to with experienced knowledge, for Mr. Thompson has long made a close study of this subject. He also raises luscious berries of all kinds, also currants, in fact everything in the line of desirable fruit that he can market, either retail or wholesale, at Washington. He devotes about 40 acres to general gardening and his fresh vegetables are the first that are offered from the local markets. He expects, henceforth, to devote his individual efforts exclusively to fruit growing, his present plans being to double his acreage in fruit in the coming year.

Mr. Thompson was married (first) to Miss Annie Rinkes, who was a native of West Virginia. He was married (second) to Miss Lulu Henderson, a daughter of James Henderson, of Dallas, W. Va., and they have had three children: Irvin R., Margaret Irene and William C., the last named being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to the lodge at Claysville.

J. R. FORREST, one of Washington's best known and esteemed citizens, who has reflected no little credit upon this city through his literary work, may almost be claimed as a native as he was but one year old when his parents moved here from Pittsburgh, where he was born in 1847. His father, George Forrest, became a substantial business man at Washington, conducting a tailoring business for many years.

J. R. Forrest was educated in the Washington schools and at Washington College, leaving its halls when but 17 years of age, to answer his country's call for volunteers. He enlisted in Co. H, 87th Pa. Vol. Inf., in which he served until the close of the war, almost a year later. During this period he was never absent from duty a single day from sickness, although he was once slightly wounded. Upon his return from the army, he took up the study of law in the office of Ruth & Hamilton, and was admitted to the bar in 1867 and for many years engaged in the practice of his profession at Washington. In the meanwhile, he had developed talent as a writer and recently has devoted the larger part of his time to literary pursuits. He has contributed to current publications and has also published a number of books, both of poetry and prose, and has other works ready for the publisher. Many readers have enjoyed his poems: "The Monongahely Boy," "The Unreturning Brave," "Gathering Home" and "The Sinner's Prayer," and four of his works of fiction have had a wide sale: "The Student Cavaliers," "A Tangled Web," "A Brother's Sacrifice" and "Retribution." For some 20 years Mr. Forrest was a justice of the peace at Washington and doubtless many of the incidents in his writings have a founda-

tion in the facts of his experience. He is interested to a large degree in reality at Washington and is numbered with the substantial citizens of this place.

Mr. Forrest was married to Miss Belle Boyle, of Greensburg, Ind., and they have three children: Daniel B., residing at Kenton, Ohio, where he is engaged in the tobacco business; Earl Robert, a graduate of Washington-Jefferson College, who is taking a post graduate course in Forestry at the University of Michigan; and Alma, who is a student at Washington Seminary. Mr. Forrest is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Templeton Post No. 120, G. A. R.

JOHN T. STARR, who has been proprietor of the Hotel Starr at West Brownsville, Pa., since May 1, 1909, has been a lifelong resident of West Brownsville, where he was born June 18, 1863, a son of Alfred S. and Mary E. (McDonald) Starr, who are also residents of West Brownsville, the former of whom spent his active career engaged in ship carpentering.

John T. Starr grew to manhood at West Brownsville, Pa., and for many years worked in the coal mines of this vicinity. He also spent about about three years as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad and for about seven years ran a boarding house at Brownsville, where since May 1, 1909, he has been the owner and manager of the Hotel Starr.

Mr. Starr married Annie Yoders and they have one daughter, Mary J. Starr. Mr. Starr is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias, and is a man who stands high in the esteem of his fellow men.

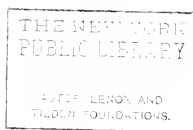
JOHN C. MURPHY, sheriff of Washington County, Pa., is one of the county's best known men, for many years prior to accepting public office, being an educator and highly considered in that capacity. He was born in Washington County, Pa., June 9, 1857, one of a family of six children born to Franklin B. and Lacy (Waller) Murphy. Franklin B. Murphy was a farmer and a well-known citizen. He died in 1905. On the maternal side, Sheriff Murphy is connected with the old pioneer family of Peas.

John C. Murphy was reared and educated in Washington County and throughout life has been loyal to her best interests. For 26 years he taught school here, dividing his time between four districts, and from under his instruction have gone out many young men and women who have reflected credit upon his thoroughness. He is a man of excellent judgment and wise discrimination as well as of personal courage and his four years of service as deputy sheriff gave the experience he needed when he was first elected to the sheriff's





JOHN C. MURPHY



office in 1907, the duties of which he assumed in January, 1908.

On Sept. 10, 1887, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Mary A. Williams, a daughter of Casper Williams, and they had a family of five children, four of whom are living, namely: J. Russell, Harry W., Edna J. and Ernest M. Politically he is a Republican and fraternally he is an Elk and an Odd Fellow.

WILLIAM JAMES HOWARTH, deceased, who, for half a century was identified with the business interests of Washington, Pa., established and operated the Howarth Granite and Marble Works, which is the leading concern of its kind in Washington County, Pa. Mr. Howarth was born in 1831, in Philadelphia, and died in March, 1907, in Washington, where he first established himself in business with his brother Joseph, their marble works being located upon the present site of the Union Trust Company. He subsequently established the Howarth Marble and Granite Works, which he successfully operated until the time of his death, since which time the business has been managed by his widow. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity.

In 1886, Mr. Howarth was united in marriage with Annie M. Parker, who was born near Van Buren, but spent her early girlhood days in Amity, Washington County, and has been a resident of Washington, Pa., since about 17 years of age. She was educated in the schools of this city, after which she taught here about ten years. She is a daughter of Capt. Silas and Eliza (Andrew) Parker, the former, a native of Washington County, who recruited Co. D, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. for the Civil War, and although 50 years of age, went into service as captain of the company. After nine months of service in the army he contracted an illness, from which he subsequently died after his return home. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were the parents of four children, of whom but two are living: Mrs. Howarth and W. S. Parker, the latter of whom is practicing law at Washington, Pa.

Mr. Howarth was connected with the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he was for 18 years secretary of the Sabbath school. Mrs. Howarth is a member of the same church, and is a prominent worker in the church societies and the auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A.

DeWITT C. PARKINSON, postmaster and a lifelong resident of Monongahela City, was born July 7, 1864, in a log house on Gregg street, this city, and is a son of John and Mary Catherine (Weaver) Parkinson.

John Parkinson was born and reared in Lancashire, England, and when about 20 years old came to America and located at Monongahela City, Pa., where for some time he ran a soap factory, and later became foreman in the Union Paper Mills. He died here at the age of

47 years. He married Mary Catherine Weaver, who was born in Monongahela City in the log house which until recently stood upon our subject's present place. She was a daughter of John Weaver, who was one of the pioneer settlers of this locality, and her death occurred May 15, 1904, at the age of 74 years. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson: Richard, deceased; Eliza, widow of William Rose; Clara, deceased; Mary Anna; John, deceased; Dewitt C., subject of this sketch; and Daniel.

DeWitt C. Parkinson was reared in Monongahela City, and attended the public schools, later entering the Union Paper Mills, where he worked for about eight years, after which he worked in the coal mines of Washington County for five years. He was then for ten years private night watchman in the business section of Monongahela City, and in 1904 was appointed postmaster, assuming the responsibilities of that office on June 5, 1904, in the old location.

Mr. Parkinson was married to Theresa Behanna, a daughter of David and Mary Behanna, of Monongahela City. They have five children: Mary C. is the wife of Porter Baldwin; Clara; Dewitt C., Jr.; Edward and James R. While working as night watchman, Mr. Parkinson tore down the old log house on his place, and erected his present commodious residence. He is a Republican in politics and has served as constable and assessor for ten years.

EWING S. McWREATH, a leading citizen of McDonald, who has been identified with many of the borough's most important interests, being secretary and treasurer of the McDonald Water Company, the McDonald Electric Light Company and the McDonald Savings and Trust Company, was born June 3, 1858, in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (DeFrance) McWreath. Joseph McWreath, who is a millwright by trade, is now residing in Cross Creek Township, his wife having died in 1903 and was buried in the Independent Cemetery. Ewing S. McWreath was the eldest of their children, the others being: Sylvia, deceased, who was the wife of Owen M. Lotten, also deceased; and Grant.

Ewing S. McWreath first attended the common schools of Donegal Township, later entered Hopedale College, at Hopedale, Ohio, and subsequently attended the Northwestern State Normal School, from which he was graduated. He then commenced teaching in the common schools, and after nine years thus spent became a teacher in the academies, so continuing for six years, the last three years being in the Ingleside Academy at McDonald. At the expiration of this period, he became identified with the water company, with which he has since been connected. Mr. McWreath is a member of

Garfield Lodge of Masons at McDonald, and of the Chapter and Commandery at Pittsburg. He is a Democrat. With his family attends the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

On Oct. 23, 1884, Mr. McWreath was married to Alice Rea, daughter of John C. and Mary (Lyle) Rea. Mr. and Mrs. Rea had nine children: Lyle, William, Jefferson, Leander, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Alice and Eliza. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McWreath: J. Rea; Mary, a graduate of the Indiana Normal School; and Guy A., a student at the McDonald High School. J. Rea McWreath is a gun-pointer on the United States battleship Minnesota, which under Capt. John Hubbard won the championship for marksmanship in 1907.

WILLIAM G. POTTER, conducting a real estate, fire insurance and loan business, with offices at No. 401 and 402 Brown Building, Washington, Pa., has also other important business interests and is a leading citizen here. He was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1869, a son of William and Margaret (Hutchison) Potter, and is a grandson of John Potter, a native of New Jersey, who came to Washington County about 1810.

The venerable father of Mr. Potter, William Potter, has lived a retired life in Washington, Pa., for some years. He was born in 1830 and was brought to Washington County in his infancy. His mother having died, he was reared in the family of Thomas Supler, who lived in Donegal Township. His industrial activities were those of a farmer and carpenter. A man of advanced thought on moral questions, he was one of the early abolitionists of the county, at a time when abolition was a very unpopular doctrine. He married Margaret Hutchison, who was born and reared in East Finley Township, Washington County. She was a daughter of Thomas Hutchison, a native of Washington County, whose father had come from Scotland and was one of the very early settlers in Washington County and the progenitor of a family which has taken a prominent part in its affairs.

William G. Potter attended the public schools of the county and completed his education in the State Normal School at Edinburg, Erie County, after which he taught school for about ten years. He then went into the contracting and building business at Washington, in which he continued interested for five years, and this led gradually to the development of his real estate business. He now deals to a large extent in realty and has aided largely in attracting capital to this section for investment. He is interested also in the Washington Drug Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and fills the same offices with Zinn's Iron Mining Company, of Vesuvius, Va.

In 1897, Mr. Potter was married to Miss Sabina E.

Ashbrook, of Morris Township, Washington County, who was born in September, 1833, a daughter of Absalom Ashbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington, in which he is chairman of the church finance committee.

Mr. Potter was reared in the principles of good citizenship and on all occasions he is a hearty worker for the public welfare. He is a Prohibitionist in his political views and is very active in advancing the interests of the Prohibition party, at times even consenting to become a candidate on its local ticket.

JACOB M. HARSHMAN, whose excellent farm of 115 acres is situated in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this place Sept. 21, 1847, and has always lived here. His parents were Jacob and Susan (Bumbarger) Harshman.

The Harshman family is of German descent. The father was a farmer during all his active life and was considered a good citizen of Buffalo Township, his neighbors electing him to the office of road supervisor, a position to which considerable prominence is attached. He died in 1897, his wife having died in the 60's. Of their family of children the following are living: Mary J., who lives in Ohio, is the wife of Jacob Metzner; Rachel, who lives at Wolfstown, Pa., is the widow of B. Jenkins, formerly of Washington County; Melissa, who lives in South Strabane Township, is the wife of Andrew Plymire; Isaac, who lived in West Bethlehem Township at the time of his death; Jacob M., of Buffalo Township; and Adaline, who died when small.

Jacob M. Harshman has followed farming and stock raising ever since his boyhood passed and his well tilled fields, together with his herds of cattle and healthy stock in his meadows and pastures testify to the pleasure he has taken in an agricultural life, for system and thrift is shown on every side. His fine residence was erected in 1897 and his other farm buildings are of pleasing appearance and of substantial construction.

Mr. Harshman was married to Miss Mary E. Buckingham, who was born at Washington, Washington County, Pa. Her father, the late Frederick Buckingham, was a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Harshman have had six children: Flora, who is the wife of David Wilson, of Washington; Laura, who is the wife of Charles Weirick, of Washington; Mary E., who is the wife of Arthur Gromo, of Washington; George D. and John F., both of whom live in Buffalo Township; and Rachel, who is yet at home with her parents. Mr. Harshman and family are members of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Harshman is a Republican. He takes no very active part in public matters but when important movements are on foot, his fellow citizens are pretty sure to seek his advice.

W. S. OLIVER, who was for many years one of the leading dry goods merchants of Washington, Pa., was born in 1864 in the State of California, a son of G. B. and Sarah (Hewitt) Oliver, and a grandson of John Milton Oliver, who was one of the prominent citizens and large land owners of Washington, Pa.

G. B. Oliver was born in 1829, in Washington County, Pa., where he was reared and in boyhood became a clerk for William Smith. In 1850 he went to California, where he engaged in the mining business until 1864, then returned to Washington, where he was manager of the store for Mr. Smith until 1877, at which time he established himself in the dry goods business at No. 47 North Main street. Here he continued with much success until 1890, when he disposed of the business and lived in retirement until the time of his death, which occurred suddenly, in June, 1903, while visiting his daughter in Elwood, Ind. He was united in marriage with Sarah Hewitt, a native of Schenectady, N. Y., and to them were born four children: George H., deceased; Annie, the wife of V. G. Kittle, of California; William S., the subject of this sketch; and Walter R., who lives in California.

William S. Oliver was practically reared in the dry goods business, entering his father's store when quite young, and about 1890, purchased the store from his father and became one of the leading dry goods merchants of Washington, continuing in that business with uninterrupted success until Sept. 1, 1909, when he disposed of the store. Mr. Oliver is also concerned as a stockholder in various enterprises of this city and is extensively interested in Washington real estate.

In 1891, Mr. Oliver married Annie Crosier, of Philadelphia. He is a member of the fraternal order of Elks.

A. J. PROUDFIT, one of Smith Township's substantial farmers and well-known citizens, owns 160 acres of land richly underveined with coal, having one bank opened and other work in prospect. He was born near Burgettstown, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 20, 1831, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Lyle) Proudfit.

John Proudfit was born in York County, Pa., and came to Washington County in early manhood. He married Elizabeth Lyle, whose father, John Lyle, resided at that time near Hickory, and to this marriage ten children were born, six sons and four daughters. For some time following his marriage, John Proudfit resided in Hanover Township, but later sold his property there and returned for a while to York County, but subsequently came back to Washington County and settled in Smith Township, where he and wife died, both aged about 72 years, and their burial was in Cross Creek Cemetery. In their religious belief they were Presbyterians.

A. J. Proudfit obtained his education in the district

schools and was reared to farm pursuits. After his marriage he settled on his present farm and, as occasion required, put up all the buildings now standing. His land is very valuable and it is estimated that at least 140 acres is underlain with coal. He pays considerable attention to growing sheep and keeps six cows for dairy purposes, churning butter about three times a week, for which he has a steady demand. He devotes a part of his land to fruit orchards and his apples, peaches and plums all do well. Like his father, he is identified with the Democratic party, but he has never desired to be a politician, desiring only to be a useful citizen.

In January, 1864, Mr. Proudfit was married to Miss Elizabeth Porter, a daughter of Andrew Porter, and they have one daughter, Ida, who resides with her parents. Mr. Proudfit and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

HERBERT G. VANKEUREN, a substantial business citizen of McDonald, Pa., who has chosen this place as his field of operation in the insurance line, was born July 4, 1860, in Warren County, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry and Helen (Gilson) VanKeuren, his paternal grandparents being Henry and Margaret VanKeuren, and those on the maternal side James and Nancy (Connors) Gilson.

Henry VanKeuren, who was a lumberman by occupation, fought in the Civil War as a private in the 145th Pa. Vol. Inf., and died shortly after the close of the war from the effects of his army experience, being buried in Crawford County. The mother, who still survives, makes her home at Long Beach, Cal. The children born to Henry and Helen VanKeuren were as follows: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of James Thompson; Thomas B.; Herbert G.; Charles H.; and Hattie, who is the wife of George Morhenstecher.

The educational advantages of Herbert G. VanKeuren were limited to attendance in the common schools of Warren County, which he left at the age of 17 years to enter the oil fields, where he remained until February, 1909, when he came to McDonald and engaged in the insurance business, a line which he had engaged himself in as a side issue during the last seven years of his employment in the oil fields. He is well and favorably known in insurance circles, being special agent for the Grand Fraternity of Philadelphia, at McDonald, as well as being connected with the Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. He has been successful in his business ventures, with the result that he is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in McDonald. Politically a Democrat, he has taken a great interest in local affairs, but has not accepted office. His religious connection is with the First United Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 23, 1878, Mr. VanKeuren was married to

Mary Harrington, daughter of Thomas and Julia Harrington, farming people of Warren County. They had eight children, namely: John; Thomas; Jerry, deceased; Mary, Mrs. VanKeuren; Julia, the wife of John Mansfield; Nellie, who was the wife of John Cooney, deceased; Margaret, who married Justin Boyer; and Catherine, who is the wife of Cornelius Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. VanKeuren have had six children: Josephine, deceased; Henry, who married Lena Campbell, now deceased, has one child, Herbert; and Claud, Blanche, Nellie and Everett.

J. HOWARD CLARKE, whose well improved farm of 164 acres is situated in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., is a representative citizen of this section, where he was born on Nov. 15, 1857. His parents are John G. and Sarah (Herron) Clarke.

The Clarke family is an old and prominent one in this section, having been established in South Franklin Township by the grandfather, Joseph Clarke, who secured land from the Government at an early day. John G. Clarke, father of J. Howard Clarke, is one of the venerable citizens of South Franklin Township, of which he has been a lifelong resident. For many years he was prominent in public life and is one of the three native born citizens of Washington County who have been elected members of the State Legislature, in which body he served with distinction. He married Sarah Herron, who was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, and of their children the following survive: Catherine L., who resides at Washington, Pa.; J. Howard, who resides in South Franklin Township; Norman E. and Mary R., both of whom reside at Washington; J. Julius, who is a practicing physician at Pittsburg; Rankin J., who resides in South Franklin Township; Albert E., who is a prominent dentist at Pittsburg; and Lulu A., who lives in South Franklin Township. In his political affiliation, Hon. John G. Clarke is a Republican. Since he removed from the farm to Washington, a few years since, he has been an attendant of the Second United Presbyterian Church. He still retains the ownership of his great stock farm of 401 acres, situated in South Franklin Township, where he was engaged for many years in farming and stock raising. He raises horses, cattle and sheep, paying especial attention to the latter, keeping from 500 to 600 of the Saxon breed, and is credited with growing the finest wool produced in Washington County. Although he has reached his 80th year, he remains interested in his business enterprises and is still concerned in the public affairs of the country, in which he once was an important factor.

J. Howard Clarke was educated in the schools of South Franklin Township, Washington and Jefferson College and the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg, and

was graduated from the latter institution. For a number of years his interests have been mainly agricultural, farming and stock raising, to which he has added the specialty of fruit growing. He has devoted large sections of his land to the cultivation of cherries, peaches, plums, pears and berries and those who have visited his abundant orchards can never doubt that Washington County can produce fruit equal to any other section provided scientific knowledge is made use of in the planting and care of trees and vines.

On Nov. 21, 1897, Mr. Clarke was married to Miss Sarah Brinton, who was born in Allegheny County, Pa., a daughter of the late Stephen Marshal and Mary (McGrew) Brinton, who were parents of five children: Samuel M., who lives on the old homestead at Pitcairn; Elizabeth (McCleary), who is deceased; M. Homer, a prominent citizen of Ellsworth, Iowa; W. M., who is now deceased, was a physician at Sharpsburg; and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have had four children born to them: Elizabeth B., S. Rebecca, Marshal B. and Mary B. Mr. Clarke and family are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington. He is a man of enterprise and public spirit, a Republican in politics, and for six years has served as a member of the school board of South Franklin Township.

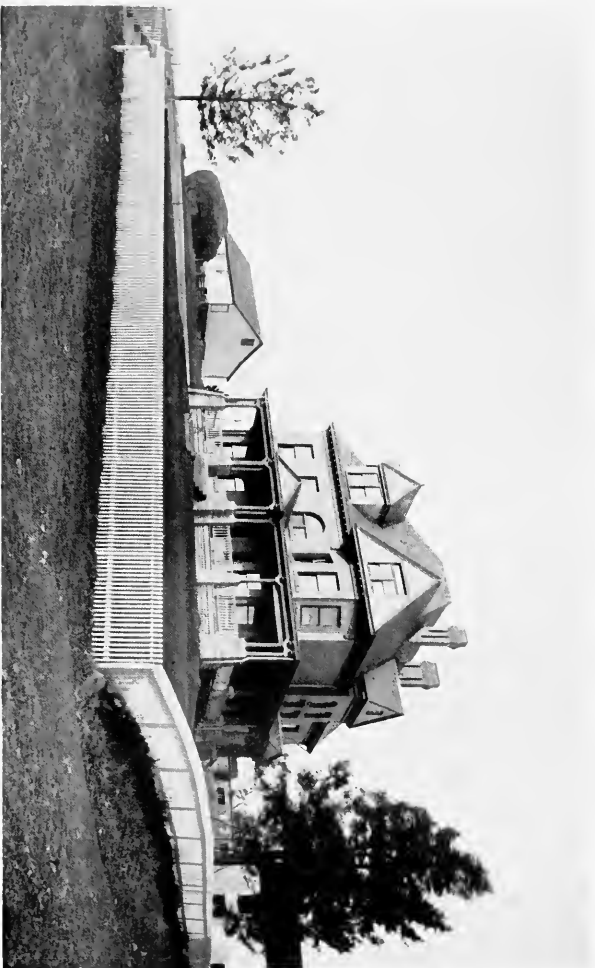
CHARLES H. LAMBIE, president and treasurer of the Findlay Clay Pot Company, with factories at Findlay, Ohio, and Washington, Pa., the main plant being located at Findlay, has been prominently identified with this concern since 1901, coming to Washington in 1902, when he established a plant in this city.

Mr. Lambie is a native of Pittsburg, where he was reared and educated and subsequently engaged for a period of ten years as buyer for the Joseph Horne Company. He then engaged in glass manufacturing at Findlay, Ohio, and was president of the Dalzell, Gilmour & Leighton Glass Company until 1899. In 1901 he became identified with the Findlay Clay Pot Company, manufacturers of a general line of glass house supplies. Mr. Lambie is a stockholder and member of the board of directors of the Washington Trust Company and is also a stockholder in several other business enterprises of this locality.

In 1882 Mr. Lambie was joined in marriage with Isabella McClurg, a daughter of James McClurg, of Pittsburg, and they have reared five children: James, who is vice-president and general superintendent of the Findlay Clay Pot Company, and Alice, Jessie, Hannah, and Isabel.

Mr. Lambie is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He belongs to the 1st Presbyterian Church.

HIRAM C. HORNER, residing on the National Road, in Canton Township, near Washington, Pa., is one of



RESIDENCE OF J. HOWARD CLARKE, SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP









ROBERT H. MILLER, D. O.

the leading men and large land owners of this section. His farm of 72 acres, situated in Canton Township, produces oil and offers also fine grazing opportunities, and he takes advantage of these and grows cattle and stock, and he owns also a stock farm of 200 acres in Greene County and Washington County, crossing the line from Morgan Township in the former county. Mr. Horner was born in Morgan Township, Greene County, Pa., Apr. 16, 1873, and is a son of Oliver C. and Amy A. (Cox) Horner.

On both sides Mr. Horner comes from good, sound stock, his grandfathers being men of sterling qualities and among those who hewed out homes from a practical wilderness. Grandfather Cox bore the name of Christopher and he was one of the earliest settlers in Morgan Township, while Hiram Horner, the paternal grandfather, accompanied his father, William Horner, from Maryland to Fayette County in pioneer days. Family records tell of the early troubles with the Indians and of the hardships which they faced with stout hearts.

Oliver C. Horner, father of Hiram C., died in Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1890, having been a prominent citizen of Morgan Township, serving in township offices and being a consistent member during the later years of life of the Disciples' Church.

Hiram C. Horner was reared to manhood in Morgan Township and was educated in the schools of Greene County. His interests have always been in the line of agriculture and he carries on farming and stock raising with the success that follows industry and experience. He settled on his present place in Canton Township in 1906. In politics he is a Republican, as was his late father.

Mr. Horner married Miss Jeannette McMurray, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of James and Tillie J. (Dickey) McMurray and a granddaughter of James and Catherine (Whitely) McMurray. Grandfather James McMurray was born in Ireland, Mar. 13, 1796, and was brought to America by his parents in his boyhood, and he was reared to manhood on their pioneer farm in Pennsylvania. He was married in Washington County, in 1830, to Catherine Whitely, and ten children were born to them. After marriage he bought a farm of 218 acres, situated in Pigeon Creek Valley, near the village of Vanceville, and on that farm he spent the remainder of his life. He was a very active worker in the United Presbyterian Church of Pigeon Creek, but he cared little for politics. He died Apr. 15, 1875, having survived his wife from Dec. 26, 1867.

James McMurray (2), father of Mrs. Horner, was born near Vanceville, Washington County, Mar. 6, 1844, and was reared to manhood on the farm on which he was born. On June 2, 1875, he was married to Tillie J.

Dickey, and they had two children, one of whom died in infancy. Mrs. McMurray died in December, 1878. He was married (second) Oct. 9, 1884, to Lucy Craig, of near West Middletown, Washington County. After this marriage he moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he was engaged in the shoe business. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and was a strong Prohibitionist in his views on public questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner have four children: John O., Amy Elizabeth, Hazel C. and Hiram R. The family belongs to the Baptist Church.

ROBERT HORACE MILLER, D. O., whose office is located at 403-4 Brown Building, has been established in Washington since February, 1900, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Miller was born at College Springs, Iowa, in 1869. He obtained his literary training at Amity College, College Springs, and subsequently taught school for three years. He then became interested in osteopathy and was led to the study of the system, later becoming a student in the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., where he came under the direct teaching of the venerable Dr. Still, the founder of this modern system of healing. The prescribed course at this institution retains much that a student would be required to learn at a medical college of the old school, particularly in the department of anatomy, physiology and pathology, but for the ordinary therapeutics substitutes the curative methods peculiar to the osteopathic system. After Dr. Miller was graduated from the Kirksville institution in 1900 he came immediately to Washington, where he entered into practice, being the pioneer practitioner of osteopathy in Washington County. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association and is president of the Western Pennsylvania Osteopathic Society.

Dr. Miller was married in 1901 to Miss Clara C. Brown, of Wooster, Ohio. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM CRAIG, one of Independence Township's substantial and respected citizens, who resides on his valuable farm of 200 acres, was born in Independence Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1847, and is a son of William Craig, Sr., who was one of the early settlers in this section. Other members of the family still surviving are his brothers, Robert and John S. Craig, both of whom reside in Hopewell Township.

William Craig had only the educational opportunities offered by the pioneer schools near his home, but of these he took advantage. He has followed farming and stock raising all his mature life and is a representative man in this line in Independence Township. As time has gone

by he has made many substantial improvements and his surroundings indicate a large degree of solid comfort. He has other investments and is a stockholder in the Pittsburg Light and Heat Company. He has given support to the Grange movement and belongs to the organization at Avella and is also a member of the Washington County Agricultural Association; takes a good citizen's interest in public matters in his township and has served two terms as school director. He votes with the Republican party.

Mr. Craig was married Oct. 14, 1884, to Miss Ada M. Nuzum, a daughter of Joel and Jane (Gillespie) Nuzum, of Ohio County, West Virginia, and they have five children: Pearl, who attended the Normal School at West Liberty, W. Va.; Helen, who was educated at the Normal School of Indiana, and Irene, Pauline and William, all yet students. Mr. Craig and family belong to the United Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. The two older daughters are members of the church missionary society and are active in the work of this organization.

THOMAS STUART GRIER, one of the representative and substantial citizens of Canonsburg, to which place he came in 1907 from the old homestead in North Strabane Township, Washington County, was born in the old Grier home there, Oct. 5, 1870. His parents were James and Hannah (Van Eman) Grier.

The first of the Griers to come to America was Thomas Grier, who moved from Scotland to North Ireland, and from Belfast started for the long journey which landed him in the United States. He was followed a few years later by a brother, but in the immensity of the new country they lost each other. Thomas Grier settled first in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and moved from there to Cumberland, Pa., where he married and reared a family of twelve children.

James Grier, son of Thomas the pioneer, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1833. He purchased 160 acres of land in North Strabane Township, and founded there the Grier homestead, which was inherited by his son, James Grier. For that land he paid \$10 per acre. He was married (first) to a Miss Espey, and after her death married Mary Stuart, of North Strabane Township. To this marriage the following children were born: Samuel Stuart, who married a Miss Donaldson, and they both died in Columbiana County, Ohio; Thomas, who died in young manhood, was a Presbyterian minister; Guion, who died in North Strabane Township; David, who was a physician, married and lived and died in Illinois; Jane, who died when aged sixteen years; James, and several who died in infancy.

James Grier, father of Thomas Stuart, died Jan. 6, 1895, in the same house and on the same farm on which

he was born, in North Strabane Township, and was buried on his seventy-fifth birthday. He was a farmer during all his active life. He was married in 1858 to Hannah Van Eman, who was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, and died in January, 1906, in her eighty-second year. The parents of Mrs. Grier were William and Mary (Brackan) Van Eman and they had the following children: Thomas Brackan, who became a Presbyterian minister, married (first) Mary Fulton, and (second) Rachel Stuart, served a congregation at Maple Creek and died in South Canonsburg; Rebecca, who is the widow of John Donaldson, formerly of Georgetown, Ohio, lives in North Strabane Township; Jane, who married Simon B. Mercer, who was a professor in the Saltsburg Academy; Ann, a twin of Jane, who is now deceased, married Rev. Wilson Donaldson, a Presbyterian minister, who moved to a western State; Hannah, who became the mother of Thomas S. Grier, and James, who died young. The parents and the grandparents on both sides of the family were interred in the cemetery belonging to the Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church, of which they all were worthy members.

Seven children were born to James and Hannah Grier, namely: Mary Van Eman, who died unmarried, in 1886; Jane, who is the wife of John Neill, resides at Canonsburg; Sarah Ann, who resides at Canonsburg; William J., who is also a resident of Canonsburg, married Mary Belle Rebout, and they have one daughter, Dorothy B.; Rebecca L.; Frances, and Thomas S., of Canonsburg.

Thomas S. Grier was reared and educated in North Strabane Township and continued agricultural pursuits on the old homestead until after his mother's death. When rich coal deposits were discovered on this land, contracts for its excavation and sale were made with the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Company and the work was carried on for some years before the surface land was sold. It is some of the most valuable land in Washington County.

On Oct. 22, 1908, Mr. Grier was married to Miss Blanche Linn Boyle, a daughter of E. B. Boyle, of North Strabane Township. Mr. and Mrs. Grier are members of the Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS M. BEBOUT, a representative of a substantial old family of Washington County, Pennsylvania, residing in a beautiful home situated at No. 90 East Beau street, owns a valuable farm of 167 acres lying in Amwell Township, to which he gives much attention. Mr. Bebout was born in North Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., July 20, 1862, and is a son of William N. and Susan (Bebout) Bebout.

William N. Bebout was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., Feb. 19, 1820. His father, Beden Bebout, moved on the farm which our subject now

owns in March, 1793, and died there in 1867. The family is of Holland Dutch descent.

Beden Bebout, father of William N. Bebout, was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, Apr. 5, 1773, and came to Washington, Pa., in 1788, accompanied by his brothers, Alexander and William, tailors, all young men of thrift and industry. Beuen Bebout was a tailor for years. He was married Sept. 25, 1794, to Margaret Nemens, daughter of William Nemens, and they had thirteen children. In 1795 Beden Bebout bought the farm in Amwell Township which is now owned by his grandson, Thomas M. Bebout, and on that place he passed the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 20, 1867, at the age of ninety-five years. After he commenced farming he only worked at his trade in the winter time, going to different houses in the neighborhood as was the custom of the time, the cobbler also making his rounds, and later came the traveling dentist. All the early industries were carried on Mr. Bebout's place, his wife being as industrious as himself. The cloth and linen she wove he would carry to Baltimore, where the product of her loom found a ready sale. William N. Bebout frequently was heard to say that until he was twenty-one years of age he never wore any garments that had not been woven and fashioned by his mother.

William N. Bebout attended the subscription schools in the neighborhood of his father's farm and assisted at home as his services were required, and after his marriage, in 1845, lived for fifteen years longer on the old farm. He then purchased a farm in Franklin Township, on which he lived for ten years and then sold it and bought a farm in Marion County, West Virginia. After residing there for eight years he disposed of that property and returned to Washington County and he and wife resided in Buffalo Township until 1888, when he purchased a comfortable home on East Beau street, Washington, and in that both Mr. and Mrs. Bebout lived until the close of life. His death occurred in 1897, but she survived until 1909. They were members of the Second Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat and at various times he served acceptably in township offices.

On Sept. 25, 1845, William N. Bebout married Susan Bebout, whose grandfather was a second cousin of Mr. Bebout's grandfather. She was a daughter of Peter and Isabel (Cooper) Bebout, who settled in North Strabane Township, Washington County, in 1823. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The following children were born to William N. and Susan Bebout: Alexander; Isabel; Margaret, who married H. L. Barnes; Elizabeth, who married Franklin Arnett; Frank J.; Nettie, who married George Ritchey; Flora, who married W. S. Noble; Thomas M., and Ida and Beden, the former of whom married Theodore Bell.

Thomas M. Bebout was six years old when his parents

moved to Marion County, West Virginia, and during their residence there he attended school and then accompanied them back to Washington County. He remained on the home farm in Buffalo Township until 1884, when he went into the hardware and agricultural implement business at Morgantown, West Virginia, and continued for two years, and then returned to the old farm in Amwell Township, on which his grandfather had settled in 1795. He now owns that farm and resided there until 1905, when he took up his residence in Washington. He continues to look after his farming and sheep raising, but no longer takes part in the actual labor.

In 1882 Mr. Bebout was married to Miss Martha E. Ziegler, and they have two children: Mary Belle and William N. Mr. Bebout and family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He is a member of the fraternal order of Eagles and the Royal Order of Moose, and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias, the lower lodge and the Uniform Rank.

D. MAJOR BELL, M. D., a trusted physician and surgeon engaged in the practice of his profession at Claysville, Pa., was born at Midway, Washington County, Pa., Dec. 7, 1875, and is a son of James and Jane (Major) Bell.

The parents of Dr. Bell both reside in the old home at Midway. They were born in North Ireland. The maternal grandfather, David Major, at one time lived in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., but later moved to Carlton, Kas., where he still resides.

Dr. Bell attended school at Midway, at Oakdale Academy, and completed his purely literary training at Duquesne College at Pittsburgh, after which he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1903. He located first at Camden, N. J., and from there came to Claysville and here has built up a very substantial practice. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and also of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Bell married Miss Jennie Russell, a daughter of J. C. Russell, of Bulger, Pa., and they have two children: James R. and Gladys. He has long been prominent in Masonry, having attained the Thirty-second degree. He is a member of Trimble Lodge, No. 117, F. and A. M., at Camden, N. J.; of Chapter No. 19, Vau Hook Council, of Camden, and of Cyrene Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templars, at Camden, and belongs also to Excelsior Consistory there. During the Spanish-American war he was a member of Co. C, 14th Pa. Vol. Inf. Dr. Bell not only stands high in his profession, but ranks with the most valued citizens of Claysville.

JOSEPH W. BYERLY, who is now living retired at McDonnall, Pa., was for many years identified with the

milling business in Washington County as one of the proprietors of the Roller Mills. Mr. Byerly was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Aug. 8, 1830, and is a son of David and Harriet (Clark) Byerly.

David Byerly, who was a farmer all of his life, died at Plumville, Indiana County, where both he and his wife were buried. They had the following children: Samuel and Levi, who are deceased; Joseph W.; Mary Jane, who is deceased; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Rareigh; Hannah, who is the widow of John Walker, and Florinda, who is the widow of Isaac Howard.

Joseph W. Byerly attended the common schools of Fayette County, after leaving which he engaged in farming on the home place until he was 21 years old and then went to learn the milling business, in which he continued throughout the remainder of his active life, a period covering 55 years. He was in partnership with C. R. Potter as owner of the Roller Mills for 40 years, and after disposing of his interests in this line retired from active life and has since lived quietly at McDonald, where he owns considerable real estate. He is a Democrat in politics, as was his father before him, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

On Oct. 1, 1862, Mr. Byerly was married to Rachel Ellen Potter, daughter of Joseph R. and Margaret Potter, and three children have been born to this union: Clarence E., an oil producer of California; Mary Agnes, wife of J. W. Wallace, and Joseph W., in the mercantile business at Pittsburg, Pa.

J. H. KURTZ, a representative business citizen of Washington, Pa., a member of the Kurtz & Ramsey Monument Company, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Juniata County, members of which colonized Kurtz Valley prior to the Revolutionary War. Mr. Kurtz was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1863.

When seventeen years old Mr. Kurtz went to Lancaster, Pa., and began to serve an apprenticeship as marble and granite cutter and completed his trade at Newport, in Perry County. Since then he has been employed in some of the largest shops in the country, learning important details and different methods so that he can claim an all round education in his special line of work. In 1903, when he came to Washington, he entered the shops of the Howarth Marble and Monumental Works, and after the death of Mr. Howarth he managed the plant until in April, 1909. Then, in association with U. B. Ramsey, he formed the present company. They are so equipped that they can do all kinds of marble and granite work and they have every reason to expect a prosperous business career.

In 1889 Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Louisa Kern, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., and they have had four children born to them: Earl, Hazel, Carl and Marian, a band of bright and intelligent public school students. Mr. Kurtz and family are members of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and he is the much beloved superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a member of the beneficiary order of Protected Home Circle.

HON. JOHN N. McDONALD, deceased, who served in the State Legislature from Washington County, Pa., in 1853 and 1858, and held many other positions of honor, trust and responsibility, was long a representative citizen of his county and a respected resident of McDonald. He was born in Robeson Township, Washington County, Pa., Feb. 10, 1820. His education was obtained in the subscription schools. On Oct. 29, 1862, he married Elizabeth M. Lee, a daughter of Maj. William Lee, of Cross Creek Township, and they had the following children born to them: Edward, Jane Craig, Margaret, William Lee and J. Nesbit.

In his early years of manhood, Mr. McDonald was a Whig, but later identified himself with the Republican party and became a man of wide influence in its ranks. In addition to serving in the Legislature, he was a delegate to the Union State Convention, in 1856, and a representative delegate in 1876 and again in 1880 and once again in 1884. For many years he was a member of the board of directors of Washington and Jefferson College. He was deeply interested in schools and religious bodies and formerly was a trustee in the First Presbyterian Church at Candor, but in 1886 he became an elder in the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. His death occurred May 23, 1889, and his burial was in Raceoon Cemetery.

Edward McDonald, the eldest son, was born on the old homestead at McDonald Jan. 11, 1864, and in 1884 was graduated at Washington and Jefferson College. He then took charge of the home farm in partnership with his father, and carried on farming and stock raising until April, 1892, when he was elected president of the First National Bank at McDonald.

This bank was organized June 15, 1892, with a capital stock of \$50,000. Its president was Edward McDonald; vice president, W. B. Moorhead; cashier, G. S. Campbell; and assistant cashier, Miss Ida V. Steen. The directors were: W. B. Moorhead, Samuel Shane, J. R. Gladden, J. D. Sauters, D. Campbell, P. Hoey, Samuel Sturgeon, J. Hunter and Edward McDonald. The present officers are the same as at first with the exception that J. D. Sauters is vice president in place of W. B. Moorhead, deceased. The present board of directors are: Edward



*John A. Mc Donnell*





McDonald, J. D. Sauters, G. S. Campbell, C. Ferguson, N. G. Cook, Mel Moorhead, J. N. McDonald, Samuel Shane and D. Campbell.

WILLIAM W. THOMPSON, an unusually prosperous agriculturist of Independence Township, where he owns a fine farm of 174 acres, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 6, 1858, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Provinces) Thompson.

The farm owned by Mr. Thompson is a very old settled one, being taken up under the old Doddridge patent, which bears the date of 1785. This patent included what is now property belonging to the Thompsons, the Murdocks, the Carls, the McConnells and the Manchesters, and is recorded at Richmond, Va., as at that time both Pennsylvania and Virginia claimed this territory. On the Thompson farm at one time was a block-house which was erected for a refuge from the Indians. In one corner of the farm is an abandoned cemetery which is the site of what was once known as Old Chapel, an edifice erected by the early Methodists, probably in 1790, and it was used as a place of worship until 1866, when it was no longer suitable for that purpose and is now used as a sheep-house. In the old cemetery, now overgrown with briars and underbrush, one may find tombstones in memory of those who passed away in 1790, 1793, 1804, 1812 and later.

The above farm was the property of the father of its present owner and came to the latter by will. Mr. Thompson has two brothers and one sister, namely: John L., who is a farmer and resides at West Middletown; J. F., who resides in Washington, Pa., and Dorcas A., who resides in West Middletown.

William W. Thompson attended the common schools and then turned his attention to farming and stock raising and since the death of his father has resided on his present place. This land was covered with valuable timber and from this alone Mr. Thompson realized \$3,000. He is an excellent manager and shrewd business man, has progressive ideas, keeps thoroughly posted and is numbered with the substantial and representative men of Independence Township.

In 1892 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Alice M. Vance, a daughter of Robert B. and Mary R. (McCleary) Vance, of Independence Township. The widowed mother of Mrs. Thompson lives at Independence. They have three children: Bertha and Alice, who are students in the Independence high school, and Howard.

WILLIAM C. LEET, M. D., who has been a prominent member of the medical profession of Washington, Pa., since 1865, was born in 1838 about three miles north of Washington, and is a son of William V. and Elizabeth (Fullerton) Leet, and a grandson of Isaac Leet, who

was born Mar. 13, 1753, in New Jersey, and was one of the earliest settlers of Washington County.

William V. Leet, who was a farmer and one of the early surveyors of Washington County, was born Mar. 18, 1787, in Washington County, and his wife, who in maiden life was Elizabeth Fullerton, was born July 26, 1800, also in Washington County. They were the parents of six children: Nancy M. and Elizabeth, both of whom are deceased; Isaac C., who is a civil engineer and a resident of Kansas; Daniel W., who is an attorney of Milwaukee, Wis.; William C., and Sarah Jane, a resident of Washington, Pa.

Dr. Leet was educated in the academy at Buffalo, Pa., and the Washington High School, after which he began reading medicine in Washington, and in 1865 entered upon the practice of his profession at Washington, being associated with his preceptor during the first three years. Since 1868 he has been alone and has made many personal and professional friends, and has always enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice, but for the past four years has been gradually withdrawing from practice.

Dr. Leet has been a member of the Presbyterian church for many years and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order. He was joined in marriage Jan. 20, 1891, with Annie L. Howe, who died Apr. 30, 1904. Apart from his medical attainments Dr. Leet is ingenious, having patented several useful inventions, and made a number of very fine violins. He has almost completed a small book of beautiful poems, not yet published.

J. J. OSBURN, general farmer in Smith Township, where he is operating his valuable farm and meeting with much success, is a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was born in Robinson Township, Dec. 15, 1834. His parents were James and Martha (McKennet) Osburn.

The father of Mr. Osburn was born in Ireland and he was brought to America by his parents, who settled in Westmoreland County, where he was reared. He married Martha McKennet and they moved to Robinson Township, Washington County, where he died when his eldest son, J. J., was eight years old. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were two other sons: G. W. and R. C., the latter of whom is deceased. The parents were buried in Miller's Run Cemetery.

J. J. Osburn obtained his education in the schools of Robinson Township and when quite young began to perform farm duties and has devoted the larger part of his life to agricultural pursuits. Following his marriage he resided for some years on a farm of 138 acres in Robinson Township, in which he has a one-third in-

terest, and then purchased a farm of 110 acres near Dinsmore, and while still owning that, bought the one on which he now resides, subsequently disposing of the other, and is now cultivating 100 acres in Smith Township.

On July 5, 1866, Mr. Osburn was married to Miss Elizabeth McAdam, who died Feb. 17, 1909, and was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery. She was a woman of exemplary life and beautiful character. Eight children mourn the loss of a devoted mother, namely: Cora R., who married J. V. Sutherland; Eva E., who married John B. Blockhard; Nora B., who resides with her father; Ida, who died young; Ida (2), who lives at home; Oscar L., who married Chess Ackleson; Alvin C., who married Alma Blanchard; Noland C., who lives in California, and Ralph E., who lives at home. Mr. Osburn and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. In his political views, Mr. Osburn is a Republican and in both Robinson and Smith Townships has been an active party worker and has been recognized as a useful citizen. During three terms he was president of the Election Board in Robinson Township and has served on the school board, and during his term as road commissioner the public highways in his district were carefully looked after.

C. E. PENN, who is engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Washington, Pa., and is also manager of the Sanitary Cleaning and Dyeing Works at No. 133 South Main Street, has been identified with the business interests of Washington since 1901 and formerly was a member of the highly successful firm of Penn & Brownlee, of this city. He was born near Ninevah, in Greene County, Pa., in 1875, and is a son of Hamilton Penn, who is a well known resident of Dunn's Station, Washington County.

C. E. Penn was reared in Washington County and from the country schools entered Washington and Jefferson College as a student and after leaving there went to Pittsburg, where for five years he was in the tailoring and ready-made clothing business. In 1901 Mr. Penn came to Washington and for three years conducted a merchant tailoring establishment by himself, but in 1904 he admitted E. E. Bottenfield as a partner, under the firm style of Penn & Bottenfield. Later he purchased Mr. Bottenfield's interest, about the same time adding to his stock and making his leading line men's furnishings. In 1907 James P. Brownlee became a partner and the firm style became Penn & Brownlee. On Feb. 1, 1910, Mr. Penn severed his connection with this firm and embarked in the merchant tailoring business for himself. Mr. Penn is a progressive and energetic business man and has other interests. He was one of the

organizers of the Sanitary Cleaning and Dyeing Works at Washington, in which he is financially concerned.

In 1903 Mr. Penn was married to Miss Josephine Cunningham, of Pittsburg, and they have two children: Elwood and George. Mr. Penn is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and an Eagle, and socially is connected with the Bassett Club.

JOHN ANTON, a member of the well-known firm of George Anton & Brother, of Monongahela City, Pa., manufacturers of miners' lamps, which is the largest and most widely known concern of its kind in the United States, was born June 10, 1845, at Alsace Lorraine, Germany, a son of John and Barbara (Hoggelstine) Anton, both of whom were natives of Alsace Lorraine, Germany. The father of our subject was for many years a miner, but spent his later years engaged in the manufacture of pickhandles at Monongahela City, Pa., where he and his wife both died.

John Anton, our subject, was the eldest of a family of nine children, namely, John; Mary, who married M. Bronson; George, senior member of the George Anton & Brother Manufacturing Company; Fred, deceased; Christopher L.; Joseph B., who resides in New York; Peter, now deceased, was engaged in the practice of medicine at Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Samuel Wilton, and Jessie, who married Capt. Armstrong. John Anton was but a child when he came to America with his parents, who after a voyage of three months landed in New York City, where they remained a short time, then came to Pittsburg on the canal by the way of Harrisburg. The father worked for some time at Coal Hill, Pittsburg, and subsequently brought his family to Monongahela City, where John Anton, Jr., was reared and spent eighteen years working in the mines. In about 1873 this John Anton and his brother, George, engaged in the manufacture of miners' lamps, opening a small shop on the corner of Second and Main Streets, where they employed a few men to assist them. They later moved to larger quarters on Park Avenue, where the business still continued to increase, and they finally moved to their present location on Seventh street, where they employ about thirty men and manufacture an average of 250 dozen lamps per day. Their plant is the largest of its kind in the United States, and they ship their goods to all parts of the world where miners' lamps are used. Mr. Anton is overseer of the plant, his brother George having been retired from business activities for the past few years, although still retaining his interest in the business. Mr. Anton is the owner of a business block at Monongahela City, and besides his residence property on Third Street, also owns considerable other real estate.

On Nov. 30, 1872, Mr. Anton was united in marriage with Margaret Wisebacker, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and of their union were born four children: George, who is one of the superintendents of the plant, married Lettie Polly in October, 1907; Mary; John, who is engaged as one of the superintendents of the plant, and Anna. Mr. Anton is a Democrat in politics, and his religious connection is with the Catholic Church.

L. E. STERRETT, secretary of the Franklin-Washington Gas Company of Washington, was born in McKean County, and is a son of David and Emma C. (Brooks) Sterrett.

David Sterrett was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1907 in Washington, Pa., where for twenty years he was engaged in the practice of law, and was recognized as one of the leading and most able lawyers of the county. For many years he was identified with the oil and gas industry of this locality and always took an active interest in politics, being at one time a member of the State Legislature from McKean County. He was united in marriage with Emma C. Brooks, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is now a resident of Washington. They had a family of five sons and two daughters, as follows: Charles C., who is a Presbyterian minister now in Persia; Arthur, who died while a student in the medical department of the U. of P.; Walter B., who is an instructor in the University School for Boys, at Chicago, Ill.; Malcomb B., who resides at Evanston, Ill., and is engaged in the practice of law in Chicago; L. E., who resides at Washington, Pa.; Martha, who died in infancy, and Marion, who is a graduate of the Northwestern University, Ill., after which she spent a year in Europe.

L. E. Sterrett was reared and educated at Washington, Pa. He was engaged as a clerk in a store for several years and since 1907 has been interested with the Franklin Washington Gas Company, of which he is secretary. Mr. Sterrett is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

ALEXIS C. LE COMTE, a leading citizen of Washington County, largely interested in oil production and formerly president of the Savings and Trust Company at McDonald, Pa., was born at New Orleans, La., Dec. 3, 1856, and is a son of Anatole and Mary (Favre) Le Comte.

The parents of Mr. Le Comte were born in France, came to America in youth, about 1828, and were married in New Orleans. They had the following children born to them: Joseph, who is now deceased; Alexis C., of McDonald, Pa.; Jennie, now deceased, who was the wife of John Wasson; Elizabeth, who married Grant Hoffman; Emma, who married Prof. Aubin Paux, for-

merly an instructor in French and now a dry goods merchant at Meadville, Pa.; and Edward J. and Arthur A.

Alexis C. Le Comte attended the public schools while his parents lived in New Orleans, later attended the schools at Meadville and Loretto College at Loretto, Pa. From the age of 15 years he worked on a farm for three years, after which he went to the McKean County oil fields and there embarked in an industry in which he has maintained an interest ever since, and at the present time is operating 42 wells in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He has been identified with business affairs at McDonald and for 16 months served as president of the Savings and Trust Company at that point.

On Dec. 28, 1886, Mr. Le Comte was married to Miss Julia Ducrey, who is a daughter of Augustus and Victoria (Monin) Ducrey, natives of France. Mrs. Le Comte is one of the following family of children: Jessie, who is now deceased; Sarah, who married Joseph Mail-lard; Mary, who married Edward C. Roche; Julia; Augustus L.; and Lilly, who married Benjamin Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Le Comte have one son, Ralph M., who was born Feb. 19, 1888. He is now a student of medicine at the Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Mr. Le Comte and family belong to the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLARD G. COOK, deceased, who was for many years one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born in Canton Township, in 1839, and died Oct. 28, 1898. He practically spent his entire life on the farm in Canton Township, having located in Washington just two years previous to his death. He was a son of William Henry Cook, who, when 18 years of age came from Rhode Island and settled in Canton Township, Washington County. Willard G. Cook was one of the progressive, public spirited men of the township, and always took an active interest in all affairs which tended toward the advancement of the community in which he lived. He held membership with the Second Presbyterian Church.

In 1872, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Nannie W. Irwin, who was born and reared in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and is a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Weir) Irwin, the former a native of Highland County, Ohio, who came to Washington County when young and engaged in farming and stock raising until the time of his death. His wife was born in Washington County and came of one of the pioneer families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Willard G. Cook were the parents of two daughters: Margaret R., married Charles E. Smith, who is a teacher in the Washington public schools, and they have one child, Charles Raymond Smith; and Maud E., the widow of John P. Clark, of Waynesburg, has one son, John Willard Clark.

and resides with her mother in Washintgon. Mrs. Cook and daughters are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

JOHN SCOTT BARR, formerly county commissioner of Washington County, Pa., has been a prominent resident of Canonsburg since 1888, but prior to that for many years, carried on extensive agricultural operations in Somerset Township, where he owned 300 acres of land. He was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 26, 1827, a son of William and Mary (Boyd) Barr.

The parents of Mr. Barr were both born in County Autrim, Ireland. The grandfather, John Barr, brought his family to America in 1819 and settled in the upper end of Somerset Township. He was accompanied by his brothers, Robert and Joseph, the latter of whom lived and died near Finleyville, Pa. Robert Barr settled on Marengo Creek and operated what was long known as Barr's mill. John Barr had married Martha Dickey in Ireland and they had a family of four sons and two daughters: William, John Robert, Archie, Margaret and Mary. Through marriage they became connected with other old families. John Barr married Elizabeth Smith and was a farmer in Somerset Township. Robert married Margaret Jackson and was a farmer and blacksmith in Somerset Township. Archie was accidentally killed when 12 years old. Margaret was the wife of Robert Patterson and died in Indiana County, Pa. Mary married Andrew Jackson, who was reared on an adjoining farm and she lived and died there.

William Barr was born in 1797 and died Sept. 28, 1838, from dysentery, when aged 41 years. He purchased a farm near what was then known as the Seceder Church, near Pigeon Creek, and lived there until his death. He married Mary Boyd and they had eight children born to them, the eldest being John S. Barr, who was 13 years old when his father died. The others were: Hugh and Eliza, twins, Margaret, William Wilson, Bankhead B., Mary, Jennie, who was the youngest. She married William Berry, who resided in North Strabane Township, near Clokeville. Mary married William Garrett, of Washington County, from which they moved to their present home at College Springs, Page County, Iowa. Margaret married James S. Dickey and died in Pittsburg, her family now residing at Pittsburg. Eliza married Duncan Williamson, a farmer near Xenia, Ohio. She is now a widow and resides at College Springs, Iowa. Of the sons, Hugh died on his farm in Somerset Township. He married Belle Black. William Wilson, who died several years since in the city of Philadelphia, was a minister of the United Presbyterian Church and for many years was secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. He married Catherine Barr. Bankhead B. Barr

enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. He received wounds at the battle of Gettysburg and again at the battle of the Wilderness and died from these injuries, at Alexandria, Va. His body lies interred in the family burying ground at Pigeon Creek and his sufferings in devotion to his country, make it doubly hallowed ground.

John Scott Barr obtained his education in the public schools of Somerset Township, but on account of the early death of his father, had many responsibilities placed early on his shoulders. Under his management the land was cultivated and he took upon himself the education of his brothers and the proper rearing of the family of fatherless children. He not only preserved the original tract of land, but added to it until he owned 300 acres, only a part of which he now retains, having disposed of one farm and of his coal lands to a large degree when, in 1888, he retired to Canonsburg. He still directs his agricultural affairs as formerly, but takes no part in them.

Mr. Barr was married (first) in 1852 to Miss Mary Gibson, who died in 1855. Her father was James Gibson, the family being a well-known one in North Strabane Township. One daughter survives, Mary, who is the wife of Rev. James M. Duncan, of Shannon City, Iowa, who is pastor of the United Presbyterian body at that place, and they have one daughter. Mr. Barr was married (second), Jan. 26, 1865, to Miss Mary Pattison, of Indiana County, Pa., a daughter of Robert and Mary (Stewart) Pattison. Three children were born to this union, but one only survives, Martha Jane, who is the wife of Rev. W. F. Wier, of Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wier have had four children, three of whom are living: John S. B., William Thomas and Leroy Moffitt. In early life, Mr. Barr was identified with the Whig party, but is now and for years has been a staunch Republican. He went out with the militia when Pennsylvania was threatened with invasion. In 1872 he was elected a county commissioner and served three years and two months in that office. He has served for some 18 years as a member of the school board and was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania as a manager of the Reform school for four years. In 1862 he was elected an elder in the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church and when coming to Canonsburg about 20 years ago was elected an elder in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL McWILLIAMS, one of the leading citizens of Canonsburg, was born Nov. 30, 1858, in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., on a farm one mile distant from this city, and is a son of James Milton and Lydia (McCoy) McWilliams.

James Milton McWilliams was born in Washington



MRS. MARY E. BAIRD



JOHN S. BAIRD



County in 1813 and lived to the age of 81 years. He was a wagonmaker by trade and also owned a small farm. He married Lydia McCoy, who was born near McConnell's Mills, who died in July, 1908, when aged eighty six years. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: John W., who was an attorney at law, died in Kansas; William J., who resided at Canonsburg, died in December, 1908; Mary A., who is the widow of John Cook, resides at Canonsburg; George S., who is a resident of Canonsburg; Lydia, who is now deceased, was the wife of John M. Stewart; James M., Addison W., Samuel, Lattie E. and Nettie, all of whom are residents of Canonsburg; and George, and an infant daughter, both died in this city. The parents of the above family were members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

Samuel McWilliams attended the public schools of District No. 8, Chartiers Township, in boyhood and then continued his studies for several years in Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg. For about eight years following he taught school and became well known in this connection in different sections of the county and during this period for two years had charge of the "E" Division of the Morganza Pennsylvania Reform School. Upon retiring from educational work he entered into the mercantile business at Canonsburg and continued there for ten years. In 1895 he became associated with the Citizens' Bank, Limited, of Canonsburg, in the capacity of assistant cashier and when it was merged into the Citizens' Trust of Canonsburg in 1901, became its assistant secretary and treasurer, and maintained this connection until Sept. 1, 1909, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the trust department of the Commonwealth Trust Company of Pittsburg.

On Sept. 11, 1884 Mr. McWilliams was married to Miss Ella S. Roberts, who was born in Canonsburg. She was a daughter of John T. and Sarah (Kelso) Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams had four children, namely: Edith M., who was educated in the local schools, graduated from the Canonsburg High School and Jefferson Academy, is a successful teacher in Cecil Township; Charles Ray, who is a bright student in the High School; and William Walter and John M., both of whom are in school. Mrs. McWilliams died Sept. 15, 1901. She was a most estimable lady, one whose many amiable qualities served to endear her to all who came within her influence.

In politics, Mr. McWilliams is a Democrat. He has served several terms as a member of the School Board but has given more attention to his business than to public affairs, as concerns the holding of office. He is a member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church. His only fraternal connection is with the Royal Arcanum.

U. B. RAMSEY, member of the Kurtz & Ramsey Monument Company, with business quarters at No. 220 South Main Street, Washington, Pa., was born at Cross Roads, Washington County, Dec. 10, 1865, a son of the late W. C. Ramsey, formerly sheriff of Washington County and a very prominent citizen.

U. B. Ramsey was reared on the home farm and attended the country schools. He was largely interested in farming and stockraising in Buffalo Township until March, 1909, when he removed to Washington and one month later entered into partnership with J. H. Kurtz in the monument business, the latter being a practical worker in marble and granite. This new enterprise has capital, energy and practical knowledge back of it and has a promising future.

In December, 1886, Mr. Ramsey was married to Miss Mary A. Mounts, who died December 1, 1908. She was a lady of beautiful Christian character, and amiable personality. Her father was Adam Mounts, an old and honored resident of Washington County. The four surviving children are: William Calvin and Adam Mounts, twins, the latter of whom is associated with his father in business; and Elizabeth Grace and Howard Paul. During their residence in Buffalo Township, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were members of the East Buffalo Prebyterian Church and since coming to Washington, Mr. Ramsey has identified himself with the Third Presbyterian Church.

WILLARD G. CUNDALL, a leading citizen and successful farmer of Blaine Township, Washington County, Pa., who is serving most acceptably as president of the township board of school directors, was born in Chartiers Township, in the same county, Aug. 16, 1860. His parents were Edward G. and Martha (Cook) Cundall.

Edward G. Cundall was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1834 and resides at Washington, Pa. His father was Edward Cundall, who was a native of Rhode Island. Edward G. Cundall is a well known citizen of the county and formerly was superintendent of the County Home, in Chartiers Township, where he served for fourteen years in that responsible office. He married Martha Cook, who was also born in Washington County and they had a large family, four of whom survive the mother, who died in 1892, namely: Margaret R., who is the wife of DeForest Wilson, of Taylorstown; Emma J., who is the wife of William McManis, of Taylorstown; and Willard G. and William H., the latter being a resident of Washington.

Willard G. Cundall was reared and educated in his native county and throughout his whole life has been more or less connected with agricultural pursuits. For some years he has also been in the employ of the Washington Oil Company. The South Pennsylvania Pipe Line station is located at the place which was named

Cundall Station in honor of this family, the site being on the old Cundall farm.

Mr. Cundall married Miss Ada R. Clarke, who was born in Chartiers Township and is a daughter of Thomas P. Clarke who is now a resident of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Cundall have four sons: Thomas W., Harry P., Edward M. and Willard G. With his family, Mr. Cundall belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Taylorstown. He is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias at that place and has frequently been elected to official position in the lodge. In politics, like his father, Mr. Cundall is a Republican.

JAMES E. WALLACE, farmer and successful fruit grower, residing at No. 500 Locust Avenue, has been a citizen of Washington since 1890, coming from Westmoreland County, Pa., where his family is one of age and prominence. Mr. Wallace was born in Westmoreland County, in 1861, and is a son of the late William Wallace, who died at Washington, in 1896.

The grandfather, James Wallace, was born in Westmoreland County, in 1805, and followed an agricultural life. His father was Peter Wallace, who was also born in Westmoreland County, where he was prominent in public affairs, serving some twelve years as a member of the State Legislature from there. His father, Richard Wallace, was the first of the family to settle in Westmoreland County and he built one of the first mills and a fort, known as Wallace Fort, which was one of the earliest defenses erected to protect settlers from the Indians, west of the Allegheny Mountains. He was known as a great Indian fighter and on several occasions he fell into the hands of the savages, but managed to escape. Finally he joined an exploring expedition into the Ohio wilderness and never returned.

James E. Wallace was reared and educated in his native county and there engaged in farming until 1890, when he came to Washington County and purchased land near where he resides. He makes a specialty of peaches and strawberries and grows other fine fruit, finding a ready market for all his land will produce.

In 1896, Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Julia Frances Ransom, who was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a daughter of Willard Wallace and Julia Nichols (McGiffin) Ransom, both of whom were natives of Mt. Vernon. The mother of Mrs. Wallace died when she was seven weeks old. The father survived for many years and died at his home in Mt. Vernon, March 30, 1902. Mrs. Wallace was an only child. Mr. Ransom was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington, in which he is a deacon.

JOHN LOGAN MCCLELLAND, a representative business citizen at Canonsburg, dealing in real estate and

insurance, and one of the organizers of the Canonsburg Electric Light Company, was born at Florence, Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., August 21, 1841. His parents were Jackson and Mary (Criswell) McClelland.

The McClelland family was established in Washington County by the great-grandfather, Hanson McClelland, who came from Ireland. He reared a family of sturdy sons, one of these being William McClelland, who became the grandfather of John Logan McClelland. The McClellands and McCooks were neighbors in Chartiers Township and William McClelland and Daniel McCook, father of the "fighting McCooks," of the Civil War, together owned the salt well in Chartiers Township. William McClelland married Hannah Long and they had four children: Jackson, Joseph, James and Catherine, the latter of whom married Rev. M. A. Parkinson.

Jackson McClelland was born in Chartiers Township and the mother in Hanover Township, Washington County. In 1843 they moved to Canonsburg, where both died, the mother in 1891, in her seventy-first year. They had the following children: John Logan; Romulus L., who died in 1852, aged ten years; and Mary Long, who was married to Arthur McMurtrie, of Huntington; and Nettie Criswell, both of whom live with their brother.

John Logan McClelland attended Jefferson College before he accompanied the family when removal was made South in 1858. In 1862 the family came back to Canonsburg. In 1861 Mr. McClelland entered the Confederate army as a private in Co. G, 50th Tenn. Vol. Inf., in which he served a short time, this regiment being the garrison regiment of Fort Donaldson. Soon after enlisting he was made second lieutenant. In 1869 he returned to Washington County and was a member of the civil engineering corps that built the Chartiers Valley Railroad and after the completion of that contract he entered the office of the chief engineer of the Panhandle Railroad, and remained with that road until 1881. In 1883 he was made deputy sheriff of Washington County and served three years under Sheriff W. B. Chambers. In 1886 he opened a real estate office and at the same time organized a building and loan association which proved very successful, and demonstrated his ability and integrity as a business man. In 1894 he organized, with others, the Canonsburg Electric Light Company, of which he was president from 1894 until 1907, which was sold to the Washington Electric Light Company in 1909, it taking charge on April 1, 1909.

In politics, Mr. McClelland is a staunch Democrat, and is a very popular citizen. He has never married.

WILLIAM C. RAMSEY, deceased, once a citizen of large influence in Washington County, was also one of sterling character. He was born in Amwell Township,



Washington Co., Pa., March 5, 1843, and was a son of Reuben and Margaret (Horn) Ramsey.

Reuben Ramsey was born near the corner of College and Maiden streets, Washington, and was a son of George and Lydia (Lloyd) Ramsey. He settled in Amwell Township after he married and there worked at the cooper trade and also as a farmer and there he died in 1882, survived by his widow until 1890. Reuben Ramsey married Margaret Horn, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Closser) Horn, and they had the following children born to them: William Calvin, Robert Hamilton, George Washington, Nicholas Murray and John Nelson.

William C. Ramsey was reared on the home farm and was afforded excellent educational advantages, better than were enjoyed by his associates. He was prepared to teach school but on August 8, 1862, he entered the Federal Army, enlisting in Co. D, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served faithfully until he was honorably discharged June 25, 1865, at Albany, N. Y. He was ever at the post of duty and at the battle of Gettysburg he was seriously wounded, his injury making it necessary for him to spend many months in a hospital. After he had sufficiently recovered, he was transferred to the 11th Veteran Corps, of which he was made quartermaster-sergeant, having served in the 140th Regiment with the rank of color corporal. His whole military record is one that reflects honor and credit upon him and is a source of pride to his family.

After he returned to Washington County, Mr. Ramsey spent several winters teaching school after his summers on the farm, and in the meanwhile he took an active and intelligent interest in public matters in the county. He had been reared a Democrat and on the Democratic ticket, in 1870, he was elected to the important office of sheriff of Washington County and during his three years of service was acknowledged to be an able, courageous and conscientious officer. When he retired to private life he bought a farm situated about five miles distant from Washington and resided there until the close of his life, his death occurring December 2, 1902. His widow survives and occupies a comfortable home at No. 155 Duncan avenue, Washington.

Mr. Ramsey was married in 1863 to Miss Elizabeth Jane Sower, a daughter of Levi and Cynthia Sower, of West Bethlehem Township. They reared five children, namely: Ulysses Bernard, who is a member of the Kurtz & Ramsey Monument Company, at Washington; Levi Harlan, who is engaged in farming in the county; Kate Florence, who resides with her mother at Washington; Wilmetta Maud Estella, who is now deceased; and Lillie Blanche, who is the wife of Morgan Prigg, residing on a farm in Canton Township. Mr. Ramsey was one of the active and liberal members of the East Buffalo

Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder. Although he began life with little means, through industry, prudence and good judgment, he acquired an ample estate. He was one of the directors of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Washington.

ERNEST C. LAWTON, whose comfortable residence is situated on the edge of the village of West Middletown, Washington Co., Pa., is successfully carrying on general farming and stock raising on 125 acres of excellent land which lies in Hopewell Township. He was born in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., March 9, 1870, and is a son of Joseph K. and Mary L. (Quest) Lawton. His mother, who lives in West Middletown, is a daughter of the late Dr. Quest, of Wellsburg, at one time a practitioner of West Middletown. He has a twin sister, Eva, who married M. G. Lawrence, and one other sister, Annie, who married Malcolm Atmore. Mr. Lawton was a carpenter by trade and lived here most of his life, dying in 1906.

Ernest C. Lawton secured a good common school education and worked at first, after leaving school, as a tinner. He has been very active in politics and is a recognized Republican leader. He served as deputy sheriff under his father-in-law, Sheriff Pentecost, has also been warden of the jail and has been a member of the township school board.

On November 27, 1900, Mr. Lawton was married to Miss Martha Pentecost and they have a charming little daughter, Phoebe, who was born in her grandfather's house during his official term as sheriff of Washington County.

JOHN W. WARRICK, one of Washington's representative business men, conducting a large grocery enterprise at No. 102 South Main street, Washington, is also identified with other business concerns of this section. He was born at Washington, in 1862, and is a son of George M. and Mary (Wilson) Warrick and a grandson of Jonathan and Mary (Slack) Warrick, old residents of Washington County.

After leaving school, John W. Warrick entered his father's grocery store and in 1881 became a partner in the business which was conducted as G. M. Warrick & Sons until the father retired, when the firm style was changed to G. M. Warrick's Sons. In 1908, William J. Warrick, the other member of the firm, retired, and since then John W. Warrick has been sole proprietor. During the entire course of his business life he has been identified with grocery interests and is one of the most experienced men in this line in Washington County. This house has always enjoyed a liberal patronage as it has been conducted along the lines to ensure a continuance of the confidence of the

public. Mr. Warrick has other interests, being connected with the Floral Company of South Strabane Township and is a director in the First National Bank of Washington.

Mr. Warrick was married in 1896, to Miss Catherine Chambers, a daughter of Josiah R. Chambers, of Canonsburg, and they have two sons: George Ramsey and John Wilson. With his family, Mr. Warrick is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington. He has never been unduly active in public matters but his fellow citizens know where he stands when the good citizens of the community are appealed to, to further movements which promise to be beneficial to every one, or to aid in the maintenance of law and order.

W. W. HOYT, burgess of Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city for the past 20 years and has taken a deep interest in public affairs. He was born at Pittsburgh, in 1867, and prior to locating at Washington lived in various parts of the country.

Mr. Hoyt was reared and educated in Pittsburgh, and there learned the trade of a horseshoer in his father's shop. He afterward worked at his trade at various places throughout the country and in 1889 came to Washington, Pa., with the intention of remaining but one week. He has been here continuously since that time and has met with much success at his trade. In 1894, he entered into business for himself, making horseshoeing a specialty, and he now has three men in his employ. He is a Democrat in politics and has always taken an active interest in political affairs. He served in the city Council from the Fourth Ward a number of years, and in February, 1909, was elected burgess of Washington over the Republican nominee, Jacob Zelt, Jr. He is the first Democrat honored with election to that office in a number of years, the city being normally Republican, and he received a majority of 394 votes.

On Mar. 5, 1890, Mr. Hoyt was married to Miss Edith S. Jones, of Homestead, Pa., and they have six children living. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are consistent members of the First Baptist Church. He is prominently affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations: National Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F.; Shakespeare Encampment No. 20, I. O. O. F.; Rebecca Lodge; Hancock Lodge No. 231, K. P.; Washington Commandery No. 62, U. R. K. P., of which he was captain six years; Modern Woodmen of America; Home Guards of America; the Eagles, and Local No. 166, Master Horseshoers National Protective Association.

A. J. RUSSELL, a leading citizen of Washington County, Pa., who has been prominently identified with public affairs and business interests of Bulger, Midway,

and Smith Township, is vice president of the Midway National Bank and is agent for the Pennsylvania Central and St. Louis Railroad at this point. Mr. Russell was born two miles north of Hickory, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington Co., Pa., October 6, 1841, and is a son of Andrew and Jane C. (Miller) Russell.

Andrew Russell was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, about three miles north of Canonsburg, and there he was a large farmer for many years, moving then to Mt. Pleasant Township, where he lived until a year and a half of his death, when he retired to Houston, where he purchased a residence. He was one of the old and reliable citizens of this section and during a large part of his life was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married Jane C. Miller, a daughter of Andrew Miller and ten children were born to them.

A. J. Russell was educated in the common schools of Mt. Pleasant Township and Hickory Academy, completing the course of study at the latter place. In 1862 he entered the Federal Army as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. G, 123rd Pa. Vol. Inf., and with that organization completed the nine months of his first enlistment. After a visit home, Mr. Russell re-enlisted for further service, entering the 21st Pa. Vol. Cav., and with that brave body of troopers he continued a soldier until the close of the war. After his safe return to peaceful pursuits, in 1867, Mr. Russell embarked in the mercantile business at Bulger, which enterprise he continued for 34 years, when he disposed of it to Charles C. Rodgers. In 1866-67, he accepted a railroad agency with the Pennsylvania system and this business interest he has retained ever since. He has been an active politician and many times has been elected to important offices on the Republican ticket. For 35 years he served as postmaster at Bulger, and for three terms as a justice of the peace in Smith Township and so satisfactory were his decisions that he was re-elected for a like period but declined to serve. When the Midway National Bank was organized, July 4, 1867, Mr. Russell became vice president and he has continued in that office ever since and is one of the largest stockholders. Mr. Russell's business ability, his public spirit and his general high standing in his community, have brought him the respect and approbation of his fellow citizens irrespective of political affiliation.

Mr. Russell was married (first) June 2, 1867, to Miss Margaret McBurney, who died in 1886, leaving one son, Andrew L., who is a resident of Midway, Pa. Mr. Russell was married (second) to Miss Alice M. Smith, a daughter of Robert Smith, of Chery Valley. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Midway, in which Mr. Russell has been an elder for 15 years.

G. M. BARRE, a retired farmer of Washington, Pa., and owner of a fine farm of 168 acres in South Strabane



W. W. HOYT



Township, was born on September 26, 1819, at Scenery Hill, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of William and Martha (Munce) Barre.

William Barre, who was born in 1822, at Scenery Hill, Pa., was a wagon maker by trade, at which he worked for many years during his early life. He subsequently bought a farm in South Strabane Township, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising until about one year before his death, when he removed to Washington, where he died in 1899. He married Martha Munce, who came of one of the pioneer families of Washington County, and they became the parents of fifteen children, of whom the following are living: Joseph C., of East Maiden street, Washington; Thomas, resides in Missouri; Angeline, married James Matthews of Washington, Pa.; Kate (Mrs. Haines) resides in California; Maggie, is the wife of Andrew Horn of Washington County; Emma, is the wife of James Wilson, who conducts an undertaking establishment in Washington, Pa.; Sadie, married Samuel McCowan; and G. M., the subject of this sketch.

G. M. Barre was reared and educated in South Strabane Township, where throughout his active career, he was engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep raising. In 1904, Mr. Barre retired from business life and came to Washington, where he resides in a fine home at No. 281 Locust avenue, but still continues overseeing his farming interests in South Strabane Township. In 1894 Mr. Barre was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Annie Ellwood, who was born in Washington County and is a daughter of Thomas Ellwood. Mr. and Mrs. Barre are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS A. MCCREIGHT, who owns 70 acres of very valuable land which lies in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born in Jefferson County, Pa., April 3, 1864, and is a son of Smith and Elizabeth (Murphy) McCreight.

The parents of Mr. McCreight were both born in Pennsylvania and were married at Brookville, in Jefferson County. The father died March 10, 1907. He had many business interests, being engaged in farming and lumbering and also owned a grist-mill. They had the following children: Thomas A.; Clara, who married Orville M. Grissinger, lives in Colorado; Anna, who married Andrew Wheeler, lives in Jefferson County; and Susan B., who married R. P. Gardner of Hanover Township, and with this daughter the mother makes her home.

Thomas A. McCreight attended school pretty regularly until he was 15 years old, after which he went to farming with his father and has made farming his main work in life, although he has also worked at the carpenter trade. This he never really learned, but having

a natural talent, has done some very creditable work in that line, in the way of improving his property.

On May 10, 1888, Mr. McCreight was married to Miss Laura Bell, a daughter of William and Anna (McCreedy) Bell, who were farming people of Washington County. The children of the Bell family were: Mary, who is now deceased, was the wife of Seward Walker; Harry; James A.; Ada, who married Mayo Patterson; Laura, who married Mr. McCreight; Dessu, who married Alexander Wilson; and W. C. and A. J. Mr. and Mrs. McCreight have the following children: Clarence A., Lester S., Craig O., George D., Alice Bell and Stella May. The family belong to the United Presbyterian Church of Hanover Township. In politics, like his late father, Mr. McCreight is a Republican. He has served very acceptably in the office of road master and is a respected and representative man in his township.

GEORGE M. WARRICK, one of Washington's most esteemed retired citizens, was born in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., February 28, 1831, and is a son of Jonathan T. and Mary (Slack) Warrick.

Jonathan T. Warrick was brought to Washington County when about ten years of age, but later was taken to Beaver County and lived there until he was seventeen, when he returned to Washington County and engaged in school-teaching here until he was twenty-six years old. For some time afterward he worked at carpentering and cabinetmaking and then turned his attention to farming in Amwell Township, moving from there in 1835 to East Finley Township, where he remained until his death, in 1846, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Mary Slack, who was a native of Washington County, and to them were born the following children: Sarah, who married Jackson Harshman; James; Matilda; Mary, who married George Ely, is survived by one son, Dr. Ely, residing at Washington; Charlotte, who married Elijah Coulson; William W.; George M.; Elizabeth, who married W. K. Long, of Washington; and Hannah C.

George M. Warrick obtained his education in the country schools and continued to work on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he came to Washington, where he spent two years working at the carpenter trade. He was of a mechanical turn of mind and soon mastered details sufficiently to enter into contracting and when twenty years old he went to Chicago and engaged in work there until homesickness caused his return to Washington. He continued contracting until 1858, when he embarked in the mercantile business, at this time entering into partnership with his brother, W. W. Warrick, under the firm name of G. M. and W. W. Warrick. In 1866 this firm, in partnership with John M. Wilson, bought the Washing-

ton Flouring Mills and for some years both the milling and grocery business was carried on, when William W. Warrick retired from both enterprises and the other members of the firm continued together until 1887, when they sold the mill to Zelt Brothers, Mr. Wilson retiring from the firm. Mr. Warrick then associated his two sons, John W. and William J. Warrick with him, under the firm style of G. M. Warrick & Sons. This became one of the leading grocery concerns at Washington and when George M. Warrick retired from active business life the sons continued, making a slight change in the firm style, preserving the founder's name, in G. M. Warrick's Sons. In 1908, one son, W. J., retired from the firm to engage in another business, and the enterprise came entirely into the proprietorship of John W. Warrick, who still carries it on.

In 1855, George M. Warrick married Miss Mary Wilson, a daughter of William Wilson, of Taylorstown, Washington Co., Pa., and five children were born to them, namely: Matilda Belle, who married Rev. McCarrrell, a Presbyterian minister; William J., who is in the florist business at Washington; John W., who is a grocery merchant; and Rachel and Jennie, both of whom reside at home.

Mr. Warrick united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when eighteen years of age, and has been a consistent member of this religious body ever since. He started out in life entirely dependent upon his own efforts and through industry, enterprise and integrity, built up a large business and attained to a high and honorable position among his fellow citizens. His beautiful home is situated at No. 263 East Beau street. His leisure time is occupied in performing the duties of vice president of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company.

HARRY B. HAYDEN, a wholesale liquor dealer of Monongahela City, Pa., and president of the Finleyville Southern Electric Railroad, has been a resident of Monongahela City since October, 1903. He was born June 4, 1873, at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of Michael Hayden, who was a resident of Pittsburg, where during the greater part of his life he followed his trade as a bottle-blower. He was a member of the Green Glass Bottle Blowers' Union of the United States and Canada, and during the latter part of his life was general manager of the Ohio Valley Glass Works. His death occurred in Pittsburg, and he was the father of a large family of children, of whom the following are living: Thomas M.; Joseph R.; James E.; Harry B.; Anna L., who is the wife of Harry Walsh; Regina, who is the wife of Ray Albert, and William F., of Knoxville.

Harry B. Hayden was reared and obtained his educational training at Pittsburg, where when a young man,

he ran a confectionery store, which he disposed of during the Flint Glass Strike. He then went to Indiana, where he and his brother Thomas M., rented a farm, which they operated successfully for several years, and where our subject celebrated his 21st birthday. In October, 1903, Mr. Hayden came to Monongahela City, Pa., and on May 1, 1907, opened his present business on Second street. Fraternally he belongs to the B. P. O. E., the F. O. E., the Loyal Order of Moose, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Turners, all of Monongahela City. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

In August, 1901, Mr. Hayden was united in marriage with Catherine E. Grill of Pittsburg, and they have three children; Catherine, Naomi, and Grace. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden reside at No. 714 Coal street.

JOHN McCLAIN, a well known broom manufacturer of Washington, Pa., who was for many years identified with the farming interests of Franklin Township, was born August 21, 1842, on his father's farm in Franklin Township, a son of Simeon and Jane (Carter) McClain.

Simeon McClain, who was born in Franklin Township, Washington County, about 1816, was the youngest son of John McClain, who was one of the earliest settlers of the county. Simeon McClain followed farming and stock raising during the greater part of his life, and was one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community in which he lived. He was united in marriage with Jane Carter, a native of Anwell Township, and a daughter of Isaac and Nancy Carter, and their union resulted in the following issue: John McClain, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth Ann, the deceased wife of H. K. Bell; William N., who resides on Franklin street, Washington; Sarah Ellen, his twin sister, who died October 16, 1907, was the wife of S. S. Bell; W. Ross, of Virginia; and Mary Margaret, who is the wife of Homer C. Andrew, of Van Buren, Pa.

John McClain was reared in Franklin Township, where for many years he engaged in farming. About 1869 he came to Washington, and for a period of twenty years operated the Washington Woolen Mills, to which on January 1, 1871, he added a broom factory, which he carried on in connection with the mills. He subsequently disposed of the woolen mills, and on account of his health, spent a part of his time on the farm each year, but he continued the manufacturing of brooms, which he still is engaged in. Mr. McClain is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally is a Knight Templar Mason.

On December 25, 1875, Mr. McClain was united in marriage with Anna M. Gordon, a daughter of James Gordon of Washington County, and they have two sons: James B., who is chief engineer of the Sea Board Air-

line R. K., is located at Columbia, S. C.; and Otis, who is a mechanical draughtsman, is located at Franklinton, N. C., where he is overseeing the building of the concrete abutments on the Sea Board Airline Railroad.

HUGH HANNA, M. D., a prominent citizen of Donegal Township, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits near Claysville since he retired from the active practice of medicine, was born in Cecil Township, Washington Co., Pa. His parents were Hugh and Dorothea (Whitely) Hanna.

The father of Dr. Hanna was born in North Ireland and the mother in Washington County. The paternal grandparents of Dr. Hanna came to the northern part of Washington County when their son was small and he was reared there and subsequently married Dorothea Whitely, but died early, Dr. Hanna being only four years old when his father's death occurred.

After the death of her husband, the mother of Dr. Hanna, with other members of the family, removed to Nottingham Township, Washington County, and there he was reared and was mainly educated in the J. C. Messenger Academy, in Somerset Township. For about ten years he taught school, in both Washington and Allegheny Counties, and during a part of this time he devoted all his spare moments to reading medical works in preparation for practice. Dr. C. W. Townsend, then of Peters Township, was his preceptor and director, and under him the young man was thoroughly prepared and subsequently was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1870. He immediately settled at Noblestown, Allegheny County, but shortly afterward, was called to Canonsburg, an old preceptor, Dr. Weaver, being prostrated with an illness that subsequently resulted in his death, this being the cause of Dr. Hanna's locating in that borough. He continued in practice there for nine years and then removed to Chartiers Township, where he was practically retired from practice and engaged in farming and raising fine stock for a number of years, and during this time became interested also in the sheep industry. From there he then moved to Donegal Township, in 1903 settling on his present valuable farm of 100 acres. In Chartiers Township he served for six consecutive years as school director but has accepted no public office since locating in Donegal Township. In his political views he is a Democrat. His ability both as a medical man and as a careful agriculturist is acknowledged and aside from business considerations he is held in very high regard for his personal qualities.

On November 1, 1876, Dr. Hanna was married to Miss Elizabeth Wallace, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Arnold) Wallace, her parents being old Washington County peo-

ple of Scotch extraction. Dr. and Mrs. Hanna have had three children: Howard T. E., who resides in Donegal Township; Leota M., who is deceased; and Birdie B., the latter of whom graduated from Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg, in 1904, and is an accomplished young lady. Mrs. Hanna is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville, Pa.

THOMAS MONTGOMERY HALL, a worthy representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Washington County, was born in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., February 13, in 1828, and now lives retired in his pleasant home at No. 227 Jefferson avenue, Washington. He is a son of Thomas and also a grandson of Thomas Hall.

The first Thomas Hall came from County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1788, at that time purchasing the land which is now owned by his great-grandson, Samuel B. Weir. Thomas Hall married Sarah Keyes, also of County Tyrone, and to them were born the following children: Jane, wife of Henry Vance; Mary, wife of Adam Weir; James, who married Mary Pierce; and Thomas, whose marriage to Catherine Rainey, connected the Halls with another early pioneer family of consequence.

Thomas Hall (2) was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, in August, 1792, grew to manhood there and married a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Broomfield) Rainey. To Thomas and Catherine Hall were born the following children: James, who survived to the age of eighty-six years; Sarah, who is deceased; Austin W. and John, both of whom are deceased; Elizabeth, who married Mark Richey; Thomas M.; Catherine, who married Robert Lutton; Adam Weir, who married Mary Munnell; and Mary Jane, who married Frederick Whiteley. Of the above family, Thomas M. Hall is the only survivor.

In early youth, Mr. Hall came to Washington and learned the saddlery and harness-making trade. For a number of years he was in the hotel business, conducting the old Fulton House, becoming one of the best known men of the place. He was married in 1857 to Margaret Kiser, who was born at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., and they reared five children, namely: Kate, who is the wife of John B. Gibson, of St. Louis, Mo.; Jane S., who resides at home; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Henry W. Williams, of Pittsburg; Harry M., who is a resident of Washington; and Helen M., who resides at home. Many members of the Hall family have been prominently identified with the United Presbyterian Church and have also been liberal to other religious denominations. Thomas Hall (2) donated the ground on which the old United Presbyterian Church was built on Pigeon Creek. Thomas M. Hall is a Methodist, hav-

ing been identified with that church for about sixty years.

SAMUEL H. COOK, now living retired after a long and useful life, during his most active years devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, located at McDonald among the earliest settlers in the village. He was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., Apr. 17, 1832, and is a son of John and Ursula (Herriott) Cook, the latter of whom came from a distinguished family. She was a daughter of George Herriott, of the well-known family of Scotland, who claim descent from David 1st of Scotland, (1124-53) who by marriage became the earl of Huntingdon. King David was a great monarch and for his wise administration and purity of his life was deemed a saint by his people. He was succeeded by his grandson, Malcolm IV, (1154-65). Herriott is spelled both Herriott and Herriot. Herriott was assigned a leading part in Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Sir Nigel." Mr. Cook has a very interesting article on his family descent copied from an ancient book (Guillim's Display of Heraldry).

John Cook followed farming in Cecil Township throughout his life. He was married (first) to a Miss Coulter and six children were born to that union, namely: Jane, Robert, Moses, Marjorie, Mary and John. John Cook was married (second) to Ursula Herriott, and they had the following children: George H., Elizabeth, Archibald, Samuel H. and Hester. His third marriage was with Nancy Grier and a son was born to that union, Nathan G. In politics, John Cook was a Democrat. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Samuel H. Cook attended school until he was 12 years old and then became self supporting, working on the home farm for his father until his majority and continuing farm labor until he was 37 years of age. He then came to McDonald and has resided here ever since and is one of the representative citizens. He has taken a great deal of interest in the remarkable growth of the place and owns property.

Mr. Cook was married (first) in 1857 to Miss Rebecca Donaldson, and they had one daughter, Rebecca, who died when aged 3 months. In June, 1862, Mr. Cook was married (second) to Miss Mary Ann Gillfillan, who died leaving three children, namely: Nancy Grier, who is the wife of Prof. J. M. Shaffer, of Westminster College, has one daughter, Mary Johns Shaffer; Dora, who died when aged 19 years; and Mary Etta, who married Joseph McClay and has two sons, Samuel Cook and David McClay. The mother of these daughters died in December, 1885. Mr. Cook was married (third) to Miss Amanda C. Smith, a daughter of Robert J. and Sarah A. (Crawford) Smith. Mrs. Cook's parents are deceased, but she has the following brother and sisters:

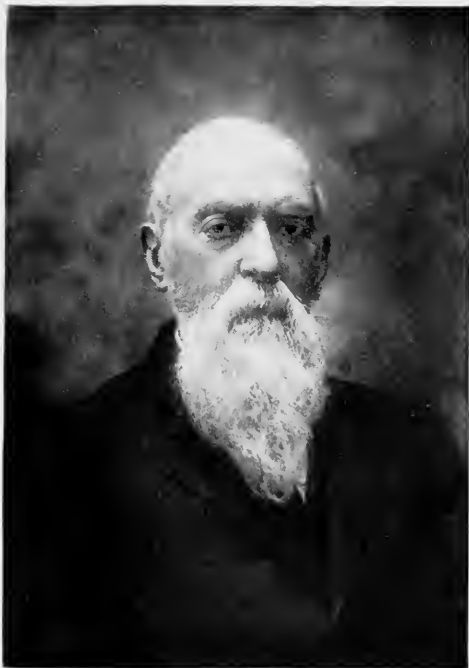
Mary, who married James Dunseath, is now dead and left two sons and one daughter, one of the sons dying after his mother; Margaret, who married Daniel Thomas; Lena, who married William J. Potter; Sadie E., who married E. J. McKnight, and Robert S. A family reunion of the kindred of Mrs. Cook was held in Allegheny County, near Bakerstown, recently and there were 450 guests present who were relatives.

WILLIAM J. GOWERN, one of Canonsburg's representative citizens, and probably the largest individual real estate owner in the city, is engaged in a real estate business on an extensive scale and also handles fire insurance risks. He was born in the city of New York, December 5, 1853, and is a son of Robert F. and Alice (Robinson) Gower.

The parents of Mr. Gower were both in New York and the mother still survives, having reached her eighty-third year. The father died at Canonsburg, Pa., July 12, 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years and eight months. By trade, the late Robert F. Gower was a blacksmith and carriage-maker. In 1875 he entered into the manufacture of carriages at Canonsburg, under the firm name of Gower & Sons, his partners being William J. and Robert Frederick. The latter died May 24, 1895. The sons purchased the father's interest in the business and also his large real estate interests in 1887, after which the firm name was Gower Bros., which continued until the death of Robert Frederick, as noted above, and was continued by the surviving partner until November 14, 1898, without change. At that time the plant, with a number of other buildings, was destroyed by fire. It was located on the southwest corner of West Pike and Jefferson avenue, a section swept by the flames.

William J. Gower was three years old when his parents moved from New York to Harrodsburg, Ky., and there he attended school until the age of thirteen, when he accompanied the family to Paterson, N. J., where he received several months of schooling. He then went to work in a cotton mill as bobbin boy and was so capable and industrious that by the time he was fifteen years of age, he occupied the position of assistant to the superintendent of the carding room. From Paterson he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and there entered the employ of John S. Schaffer, with whom he served an apprenticeship of two years in the carriage painting trade. A change in the proprietorship of the works caused him to leave there, after which he came to Washington, Pa., and for two years was in the employ of S. B. & C. Hays. From the age of nineteen to twenty-one, he worked for this firm as a journeyman painter. At this time he accompanied his father and brother to Canonsburg and here they went into the carriage-making business and were very prosperous until their plant was lost by fire. In





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addition to their manufacturing, the firm dealt largely in real estate and as each member possessed foresight and business judgment, their investments usually proved profitable ones. In November, 1903, the firm of Morgan & Gower was organized, the senior member being John C. Morgan, and this partnership was continued until 1906, when Mr. Morgan was elected county treasurer of Washington County, and since that date, Mr. Gower has conducted the business alone. A large number of the properties he handles are his own and his mother's, but he deals also in first class realty for others, on a large scale. The Gower business blocks are among the finest structures at Canonsburg.

On July 10, 1901, Mr. Gower was married to Miss Margaret I. Conboy, a daughter of John Conboy, of Pittsburgh, and they have three children: Elizabeth, Ellen and Margaret. With his family, Mr. Gower belongs to the Catholic Church. In politics he is an active Republican. He is serving as a notary public. As a citizen, his efforts at all times are directed to the betterment of the community.

JOHN SLATER, manufacturer and wholesale and retail dealer in cigars, with business house at No. 21 North Main street, Washington, is a prominent and useful citizen, and is identified with a number of successful and important enterprises of this section. He was born at Washington, Washington Co., Pa., in 1858, and is a son of Theodore and Apolonia (Weis) Slater.

Theodore Slater was born in Germany and came to America in 1845, and settled at Washington in 1851. He embarked then in the shoe business which he conducted until 1866 and then became interested in the cigar business and extended his interests until he commanded a large wholesale as well as retail trade. He amassed an ample fortune through his business ability, and was a citizen whose worth was recognized by those with whom he was associated. He died in 1879. He married Miss Apolonia Weis, also a native of Germany. Mrs. Slater survives. They had four children, namely: John, who died in infancy; Mary, who is Mother Superior in Mt. DeChantle Convent, near Wheeling, W. Va.; John, who is in the cigar business at Washington, and is our subject; and Annie, who is deceased.

John Slater was reared at Washington and was educated in the public schools and St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, Pa., and immediately after his return home entered into business with his father, whom he succeeded, at the latter's death. He is a director in the Citizens' National Bank of Washington, and is financially interested in other concerns. The cigar business is one of importance, the manufacturing plant being situated at Lancaster City. A number of favorite brands are on

the market and Mr. Slater has four traveling men visiting the trade.

In 1886, Mr. Slater was married to Miss Regina T. Stillwagen, of Claysville, Pa., and six sons and two daughters have been born to them, namely: John Joseph, who is connected with the manufacturing department of his father's business, at Lancaster; Charles Francis, who is on the road for the house; Edward Theodore, M. Paul, Mary R., Elizabeth A., and Bernard, are students in school at Washington, Pa.; and Francis Xavier is still at home. Mr. Slater and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

FRANK J. SCOUVART, one of the enterprising business men of Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., who is conducting a successful general store at Avella, is a native of Belgium, where he was born in 1876, the only child of Vital and Nellie Scouvart.

Mr. Scouvart received his education in the public schools of his native country, and was eleven years of age when the family came to the United States, settling in McDonald, Washington County, where young Scouvart found employment in the mines. When about sixteen years of age he became clerk at the company store located at Sturgeon, below McDonald, and continued in that capacity for about twelve years, when he formed a partnership with a Mr. Matthews, and the firm of Matthews & Scouvart operated general stores at Cecil and Avella for two years. At the end of this time Mr. Scouvart purchased Mr. Matthews' interest in the business, closed the store at Cecil, and has since been giving his entire attention to the establishment at Avella, where he carries a complete stock of hardware, mining tools, guns, paints, oils, furniture and shoes. He is a shrewd and capable business man, and his custom of always giving the best goods at a fair price has won for him a large and lucrative trade in his community.

In 1900 Mr. Scouvart was married to Helen Egbert, who is a daughter of Nickolas and Phelomene Egbert, of McDonald, and to this union there have been born two children: Nellie and Frank J., Jr. Mr. Scouvart is a Republican in politics, and has served as township clerk and inspector of elections. His fraternal connection is with Moose Lodge and the Order of Elks, at Carnegie.

SAMUEL A. POLAN, who is numbered with the representative business men of Washington, conducts a first class grocery at No. 481 West Chestnut street, and has been a resident of this city for thirteen years. He was born in East Finley Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1862.

William Polan, father of Samuel A., was born in

West Virginia and came to Washington County in 1854, where he engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. Since the death of his wife he has resided with a daughter, in Buffalo Township. Although seventy-three years old, Mr. Polan is still active physically and also retains his mental faculties. He married Deborah Martin, who was born and reared in East Finley Township. They had seven children and four of these survive, namely: John, James P., and Samuel A., all of whom reside at Washington; and Ida, who is the wife of William Mounts, of Buffalo Township.

Samuel A. Polan grew to manhood in East Finley Township and attended the public schools. He followed farming and stock raising until 1896, when he came to Washington and embarked in the grocery business and has been at his present location for seven years. He carries only first class goods, catering to the best trade, his stock including staple and fancy groceries and salted and smoked meats. He has never taken a very active part in politics and has accepted no office except that of school director and has served as such both in the country and in Washington.

In March, 1888, Mr. Polan was married to Miss Jennie McNeal, who was reared also in East Finley Township, and they have had seven children born to them, all remaining at home except the eldest daughter, Elizabeth, who married Norman Kunselman and resides on Fayette street, Washington. The eldest son, Charles, is associated with his father. The others are: Samuel Lawrence, Dora, Marie, Wanetta and Duane. Mr. Polan and family are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the P. O. S. of A., the Maccabees and the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

WILLIAM F. REED, a member of the school board of Hanover Township, has been identified with the oil industry during the larger portion of his business life and now fills the office of lease foreman for the Hanover Oil Company. It is one that requires a large amount of practical knowledge and unerring judgment. Mr. Reed was born in Beaver County, Pa., October 31, 1863, and is a son of Samuel W. and Mary (Martin) Reed.

The parents of Mr. Reed were both born in Pennsylvania and the father was a farmer throughout life. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Alice, who married Veasy Alexander; William F.; Elizabeth Adella, Marion S., George E., Jennie, Laura and Clarence. The father now lives retired at Frankfort in Beaver County. The mother died in 1879, and was interred in the Hanover Cemetery.

William F. Reed attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, never enjoying any superior advantages. He was about nineteen years of age when he went on the farm with his father with whom he re-

mained for two years and then went to farming on shares in Washington County for two years. He then entered the oil fields and that decided his future business career for he has continued to be identified with this great industry until the present, and through his industry has made it a remunerative business for himself.

In 1885, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Lucy M. Aumiller, a daughter of Elijah and Hannah Aumiller. They were Ohio people but they died in Pennsylvania, leaving two children: Lucy M. and Wade, the latter of whom resides at Newark, Ohio. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed: Clara, born in 1887; Elmer, born in 1890; Bertha, born in 1893; and Wade, born in 1903. Mr. Reed and family belong to the Pennsylvania Church in Florence, to which place he came in 1901, and has a handsome home here. Like his father he is a Democrat but the only public office he has ever consented to accept is the one he now holds. He is a member of Cardville Lodge, No. 407, Odd Fellows, at Florence, Pa.

EMANUEL SHEARER, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Washington, Pa., was born January 1, 1843, in Franklin Township, Fayette Co., Pa., where he was reared and engaged in farming and stock raising until 1900. He then disposed of the coal beds under his farm land, and came to Washington County, where he purchased the old Allen farm of 188 acres at Eighty-four, North Strabane Township. Here he was for four years engaged in agricultural pursuits, then sold his land, reserving the coal beds, and came to Washington, where he has since lived in retirement in his fine residence at No. 510 East Beau street, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest after years of unceasing activity. In August, 1909, Mr. Shearer sold the balance of his property in Fayette County for \$15,000, receiving \$7,500 for the coal under five acres which he had formerly retained.

In 1865, Mr. Shearer married Elizabeth Cook, who was born and reared in Fayette County, Pa., and of their union were born the following children: Emma E., lives at home; F. O. Shearer, a general merchant residing at Eighty-four; Harry Jacob, deceased; Jessie May, at home; and John Cook Shearer, who is engaged in business with his brother at Eighty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer are members of the First Christian Church of Washington.

JOHN W. FARRAR, general farmer in Smith Township, Washington Co., Pa., who owns a one-half interest in 175 acres of land, which is located three miles east of Burgettstown, was born in this township, March 2, 1847, and is a son of John and Phoebe (White) Farrar.

John Farrar, father of John W., was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. He was one

of the representative men of this section in his day, a prominent Republican and for some years served in the office of associate judge. During the early part of his business life he conducted a store and was a well known merchant. After disposing of his mercantile interests, he purchased a farm of 196 acres, in Smith Township, which is owned jointly by his two sons, John W. and Clark Farrar. He resided on this farm during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1875, his burial being in the Candor Cemetery. He was a leading member and an elder in the Racoon Presbyterian Church. He married Phoebe White, who died in 1870. She was a daughter of John White, a well known old resident. To this marriage six children were born: Mary, Samuel Clark, Preston W., John W., William W., and George.

John W. Farrar attended the schools of Smith Township until he was old enough to give his father appreciable help on the farm and he continued to assist until his father died in 1875. Then, together with his brother Clark, he took charge of the operation of the farm and together they managed it for a number of years, when, on account of failing health, he rented out his portion and went to Kansas. After an absence of five years, Mr. Farrar returned and settled again on his property, resuming general farming. The Pittsburg and Eastern Coal Company have a lease on the farm, which has fourteen oil wells in operation.

Mr. Farrar is one of the recognized good citizens of his township, always taking an interest in its progress and continually adding to its material development. In politics he is a Republican. For three years he has been auditor of Smith Township and in June, 1909, he was elected a member of the school board, to serve until 1912. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

W. S. NOBLE, one of Washington's representative and substantial citizens, whose home is situated at No. 385 Jefferson street, has been identified with the oil and gas industry for some fourteen years and has been a lessor and operator in most of the fields in the country. He was born in Buffalo Township, Washington Co., Pa., in July, 1854, and is a son of Robert and Rachael (McKean) Noble.

The parents of Mr. Noble are both deceased, the mother dying in 1855 and the father surviving until February 22, 1893. He was born in Washington County in 1819 and was a son of William Noble, who was a very early settler in the county. Robert Noble engaged in farming and stock raising and continued active until 1884, when he retired to Claysville. He was married (first) to Rachael McKean and four children were born to them: William R., of Washington; Margaret, wife of John H. Vankirk, of Franklin Township; J. W., who died in 1893; and Wishart Stevenson.

W. S. Noble was reared and educated in Science Hill school, in Washington County, and prior to October 4, 1895, resided in Buffalo Township. There he engaged in farming and raised stock and also, for some few years bought and shipped fat stock. About 1895 he became interested in the oil and gas business and since then has been very active, being engaged as producer, contractor and lessee, working in the West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois fields.

Mr. Noble, through marriage with Miss Flora B. Bebout, became connected with an old family of Washington County. They have four children: Jennie B., who married James L. Henderson, a son of James L. Henderson, Sr., a prominent citizen of Washington County, and they have one son, Paul, who is now seven years old; D. Burnell, who is a resident of Erie, Pa., married Ada Richards and they have one son, Albert, who is five years old; Susan B., who married William Kennedy, of Washington, and they have two children—Ralph, who is aged two years, and Flora B., who is six months old; and Edna B., who lives at home. Mr. Noble and family are members of the Third Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Royal Arcanum. Although not active in politics, Mr. Noble belongs to that class of citizens never found derelict in the faithful performance of necessary public duties.

ADOLPH KAPP, owner of a bakery at Donora, Pa., where he has been a resident since 1901, was born August 18, 1874, in Baden, Germany, and is a son of Kilian and Sophia (Binz) Kapp.

Kilian Kapp was born and reared in Germany, where he died in 1907, aged seventy-three years. His occupation was farming. His wife, Sophia Binz, also a native of Germany, died in 1901, aged fifty-five years.

Adolph Kapp, who is the only member of his family who came to this country, was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools of Baden. He was seventeen years of age when he came to America, and first located in Pittsburg, where he worked for some time in various bakeries. He then spent a short time in New York and in Portland, Me., after which he returned to Pittsburg. In 1897 he went to Monongahela City, Pa., as a baker, and on August 1, 1901, came to Donora, where he erected his present business block and established himself in the bakery business.

Mr. Kapp was united in marriage May 6, 1899, to Martha Planert, also a native of Germany, and they have two children: Martha, and Margaret. Mr. Kapp is a member of the F. O. E., I. O. O. F., and the F. and A. M.

J. B. IRWIN, M. D., one of Washington's older physicians and surgeons, for the past eighteen years has been

engaged in active practice here and enjoys the confidence of a large number of the leading families. He was born in West Finley Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1852, and is a son of Ephraim and Margaret (Richey) Irwin.

The father of Dr. Irwin was also a native of Washington County, born in 1812, and the whole of his active life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1894. He married Margaret Richey and they reared a family of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, who is now deceased, was the wife of William Meloy; Esther Ann, who married Jonas Mills; William, who is a resident of West Middletown, Washington County; Joseph Buchanan; a son who died when eight days old; R. W., who is a prominent attorney at Washington; and Sarah Margaret, who married William Richmond, of West Middletown.

Dr. J. B. Irwin attended the common schools in West Finley Township, and from them entered higher institutions of learning, including the Claysville Normal School, Canonsburg Academy and Westminster College, during a part of this period teaching school at intervals. His medical preparation extended over some years. He spent one year in the medical department of the University of New York, one term in the University of Maryland, and in 1884 was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine. In the succeeding summer he located at West Alexander, in Washington County, and engaged in practice there until 1891, when he came to Washington. Here he has not only built up a large and substantial practice, but has become a representative citizen, taking deep interest in the progress of education and accepting service on the school board. He is valued as a member of the county and State medical societies and is one of the obstetric staff of the City Hospital of Washington.

On June 24, 1880, Dr. Irwin was married to Miss Lovisa Johnson, who died September 21, 1885. She was a daughter of R. T. and Elizabeth Johnson, residents of Cross Creek Township. Three sons were born to this union, namely: L. M., who is cashier of the Lincoln National Bank; R. R., who is a minister of the United Presbyterian faith, now located at York, N. Y.; and Jesse B., who is a student of law in the office of his uncle, R. W. Irwin, at Washington. Dr. Irwin was married (second) to Mrs. Maggie McKee, who died March 17, 1904, leaving no issue. Dr. Irwin is a member of the Third United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM W. HUNTER, a valued resident of Buffalo Village, Pa., and the owner of two of the finest farms in Washington County, one being the old homestead of the Hunters, containing 91½ acres, and the other 112½ acres, for a number of years has distinguished himself in different sections of the country, as the

founder of philanthropic movements and as an influential temperance leader. Mr. Hunter was born in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 4, 1837, and is a son of William and Maria J. (Chambers) Hunter.

The Hunter family came originally from Ireland, where the grandparents, John and Jane Hunter, were born, reared and married. In 1800 they came to America and after reaching Washington County, Pa., settled on a farm near Buffalo village. Shortly afterward their son, William Hunter, was born and he spent his entire life in Washington County. In 1830 he married Maria J. Chambers and they had four children: Joseph C., Jane, William W. and Joshua J.

William W. Hunter attended the public schools more or less regularly until he was 20 years of age, after which he taught school for four years. He assisted on the farm until he met with a serious accident in operating a threshing machine, by which he lost his right arm, in 1859. He then made preparations to enter upon the study of law at Washington. When the Rebellion came upon the land and his comrades were entering the army on every side, he also desired to be of service and, while debarred from enlisting as a soldier, he succeeded in being accepted in the transportation department, and endured as a teamster, as much hardship and exposure as he would have been subjected to if he had been marching in the ranks. He persisted in the work, however, and remained in the army until March 12, 1863, when he returned to the farm. He served with the Ringgold Battalion and received no compensation. Mr. Hunter's two brothers, Joseph C. and Joshua J., served in Co. C, Ringgold Cavalry, and both died in the service.

On Dec. 15, 1864, Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Elizabeth T. Smiley, a daughter of Caldwell and Nancy (Tweed) Smiley. She is a granddaughter of William Smiley, who was killed at the raising of a barn on the Dr. Anderson farm, now owned by Alexander Hamilton. The family was Scotch-Irish and William Smiley, Sr., great-grandfather of Mrs. Hunter, was one of the pioneer settlers of Hopewell Township. In the year 1800 the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder, found itself badly in debt and unable to pay its pastor. The members were thrifty and industrious and had raised crops for which there was no local market. Mr. Smiley, then aged 60 years, volunteered to go South to New Orleans with products in an effort to raise the much needed money. He was gone for more than nine months and his family and the congregation had almost given up hope for his safe return, when he arrived with gold enough in his belt to clear the church indebtedness. He had walked the entire distance back, avoiding the Indians as best he could and at times penetrating an unbroken forest. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have been married for more than 45 years and in that time



MRS. ELIZABETH S. HUNTER



WILLIAM W. HUNTER





of happy association and companionship, they have been true helpmeets. They are the parents of four sons: Joseph W., who is a practicing physician located at Charleroi, Pa.; John S., who is successfully engaged in farming on the old home place, is active in the affairs of church and in matters pertaining to the welfare of the township; Clarence M., who is a salesman for the National Biscuit Company and maintains his residence at Monongahela City; and Howard T., who, for 15 years served as teller in the Washington Trust Company.

Since early manhood, Mr. Hunter has displayed literary ability and has been a newspaper correspondent, being identified with a number of journals at the present time. In prize essay contests on the subject of horses he won more prizes than any man in the United States, in one instance winning over 75 contestants, representing 24 States. He won another prize offered by the Clydesdale Association, the competition being open to the world. He is also gifted as an orator and probably there is no man in Washington County, who is called on so frequently to make addresses at agricultural, religious and educational meetings. His deep interest in religious and philanthropic work caused him, in 1894, to turn his farm responsibilities over to others and to enter into Sabbath-school missionary work. He continued to devote himself to this great undertaking until 1898, making his headquarters at Fairmount, W. Va. During this period he traveled 15,000 miles and visited over 5,000 families. In 1897 he was licensed as local evangelist by the Presbytery at Parkersburg. He then went into regular evangelistic work, making his headquarters at Smithfield, Wetzel County, W. Va., where he remained one year, during which time he organized the First and the Second Presbyterian Churches in that county. His wife was there stricken with typhoid fever and because of her subsequent broken health, he left that field of work and returned to Pennsylvania and in 1901 he purchased the comfortable and commodious residence at Buffalo village.

In 1870 Mr. Hunter was chosen elder of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, the youngest ever chosen as such in that body. In 1891 he was commissioned to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States at Detroit, and with his masterly talk swayed the assembly to adopt a measure of economy in handling the financial affairs of the church.

Mr. Hunter has been interested in and identified with many branches of philanthropic work, but perhaps he is most widely known as an apostle of temperance. It is said of him that he has practically through his own efforts, been the means of keeping saloons out of six or eight of Washington County's prospering towns. He is superintendent of the Washington County Sabbath-school Temperance Association and is the acknowledged leader of the temperance forces in the county. In 1902

he was appointed one of the trustees of the Plumber Temperance Fund, which now amounts to \$17,000, and he sees to the investment and disbursement of this vast sum. Public confidence is reposed in Mr. Hunter and he is very frequently appointed as executor and administrator of estates and has numerous minors under his careful guardianship. His life has been one of great usefulness and his efforts for the uplifting of others have been crowned with much success.

JOSEPH B. SMITH, a leading citizen of Hopewell Township, who is filling the offices of register and assessor of the same, lives on his well improved, valuable farm of 125 acres, which he purchased in 1906. He was born in Monroe County, Ohio, April 22, 1855, and is a son of Cary and Margaret (Blair) Smith.

The parents of Mr. Smith are deceased. They had the following children: Amos, Susan, John, James, all deceased; Isaac, who resides in West Virginia; Joseph B.; Mary, who is deceased; Huldah, who married Edward Stetson, of Ohio; Nancy, who married Samuel Reed, of Brooks County, West Va.; and Norman, who still resides in Ohio.

Joseph B. Smith attended school until he was 13 years of age, and then went to work on the farm and has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits ever since and has been unusually successful in his undertakings. He owns land that is well adapted to general farming and grazing, and his herds of cattle and flocks of sheep compare favorably with any in the township. Following his marriage, Mr. Smith moved to West Alexandria, Pa., where he lived four years, then moved to Claysville and lived there for 18 years, coming then to his present farm.

Mr. Smith was married November 25, 1880, to Miss Nora Steenrod, a daughter of David and Hannah (Davis) Steenrod, of Belmont County, Ohio, and they have had the following children: Essie L., born December 10, 1881, is the wife of Chester Sutherland, who is county recorder of Washington County; Vernon S., born January 24, 1884, resides at Pittsburg; Clara W., born October 10, 1887, married William Hunter, of South Franklin Township; Roy, born November 10, 1889, is a student in civil engineering at the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburg; Olive L., born March 10, 1893, is attending the Washington Seminary; and Mark McKinley, born January 20, 1897, is in school. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland have a daughter, Ruth, born April 10, 1907. It is a remarkable fact that four of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their only grandchild, were born on the tenth day of the month. Mr. Smith has given his children fine educational advantages and they are developing into superior men and women. In his political affiliation he is a staunch Republican. With his wife he belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN R. KUNTZ, a retired druggist and one of the leading citizens of Washington, Pa., was born September 8, 1853, in this borough, and is a son of Michael G. and Eliza (Ruth) Kuntz, who were among the early settlers of Washington. For many years during his early business life, Michael G. Kuntz was proprietor of a men's furnishing establishment. He was the father of five children: George B., resides with our subject; Mary J., is the widow of Robert Drury and is a resident of Pittsburg; James, retired, resides in Washington; Elizabeth, is the widow of John M. Morrow, and resides in Pittsburg; and John R., the subject of this sketch.

John R. Kuntz was reared in Washington, where he attended the common schools, and at the age of fourteen years entered the drug store of John B. Vowell, deceased, in whose employ he remained between three and four years, subsequently working about the same period with George W. Roberts. In 1878 he engaged in the drug business for himself, continuing in that line for about twenty-eight years, when on account of ill health, he sold the business and has since been living in retirement, his residence being located at No. 25 South College street. Mr. Kuntz is a director of the Washington Light & Power Company, and is also a director of the Real Estate Trust Company of Washington. Mr. Kuntz is a man of enterprise and public spirit and takes an active interest in all local politics. He is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E. order.

In 1894, Mr. Kuntz was united in marriage with Jessie Romaine Newson, of Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN C. MORGAN, vice president of the Citizens Trust Company, of Canonsburg, Pa., and ex-treasurer of Washington County, is identified with other business interests of this place, of which he has been a resident for some thirty-one years. He was born in Allegheny County, Pa., October 28, 1846, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Hindman) Morgan.

The Morgan family was established in Allegheny County in 1700, when the great-grandfather, who was probably of Welsh extraction, came to this section from West Virginia. He was accompanied by his son, Hugh Morgan, who grew to manhood, married, reared his family and died on the farm which has been in the family ever since and is now owned by John C. Morgan. On the same farm the late James Morgan, father of John C., was born and died, passing away in his nineteenth year, in 1898. He married Elizabeth Hindman, who was born in Union Township, Washington Co., Pa., and died in 1869, aged sixty-three years. They had seven children born to them, all of whom survive, namely: Hugh, who resides at Oakdale, Ohio, married Harriet Hickman; Sarah Jane, who is the widow of William M. Herriott, lives in Mt. Pleasant Township,

Washington County; Samuel W., residing at Marshalltown, Iowa, married Charlotte Benedict of that State; Billingsley, residing on the old homestead in Allegheny County, married Mary Farran, whom he survives; William P., residing at Canonsburg, married Martha Johnston; Margaret A., who is the widow of James Fife, residing in Upper St. Clair Township, Allegheny County; and John C., who is the youngest of the family.

John C. Morgan's life until he was twenty-one years of age, was mainly passed on his father's farm. He attended the country schools and the academy at Mansfield, now Carnegie, for five months. When he departed from home surroundings, Mr. Morgan went to Marshalltown, Iowa, where he spent seven years, during a part of this time being engaged in business for himself, and during the other part was in the railroad service. In 1878 he came to Canonsburg, where he embarked in the dry goods business, in which he continued until 1903, at which time he sold out. In 1891 he erected the handsome four-story business and office building to which his name is given and which is a credit to the city. In this block is situated the Canonsburg Opera House, a tasteful and well arranged amusement hall. In addition to his real estate interests and his financial connections, he is treasurer of the Canonsburg Pottery Company. In large measure, Mr. Morgan is a self made man and is one of unquestioned integrity and recognized ability.

In 1886, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Clara Wilson, of Washington, and they have five children, namely: Edith, who is the wife of Edward Crawford, residing at Fremont, Tex.; Edna, who is the wife of Arthur Shaw, residing at East Liverpool, Ohio; and Clara, James and Florilla, residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. He has been an active Republican since he reached manhood. He was elected treasurer of Washington County in 1905 and assumed the duties of the office January 1, 1906, and performed them to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens.

JAMES WATSON, once a leading citizen of Washington County, for many years was a prominent member of the bar, and through his ability and high standard of legal procedure, did much to add to its prestige. Mr. Watson was born at Canonsburg, Washington Co., Pa., in 1809, and was one of a family of six children born to John and Mary (Miller) Watson.

From his brilliant school days, James Watson was destined for the bar and immediately after his graduation from Canonsburg College, he entered upon the study of law with Hon. Thomas McKennan, at Washington. Shortly afterward, when Mr. McKennan was elected to Congress, Mr. Watson was admitted to a partnership, and although a young and practically inexperienced

lawyer, carefully, discreetly and successfully attended to the firm's large business during the senior partner's absence, which covered four full terms and a part of a fifth. Early in his legal career Mr. Watson engaged in a general practice, but in the course of time the burden of work became onerous and for a long period previous to his death, which occurred April 15, 1875, he had refused all criminal cases. He possessed all the qualities which go to make up a reliable lawyer—was a close reasoner and judicial advisor, and ever cherished the highest ethics of his profession. His political convictions made him a Republican. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian.

On January 15, 1835, Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Maria Woodbridge Morgan, who was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Aldrich (Thompson) Morgan. George Morgan, the father of Mrs. Watson, was born in the old college city of Princeton, N. J., in 1780, and was a son of Col. George and Mary (Baynton) Morgan. Col. George Morgan probably won his military title through service in the Revolutionary War. He came with his family to Washington County and acquired land in North Strabane Township, on which he died in 1810, his widow surviving until 1825. Their burial, according to the manner of the time, was upon their own land, but at a later date their remains were transferred to the beautiful cemetery at Washington, and in close proximity now rest the remains of their granddaughter, Maria Woodbridge Morgan Watson, who passed away on March 5, 1909. George Morgan remained in New Jersey until he had completed his course at Princeton College. For many years he resided on the farm in North Strabane Township, Washington County, his death occurring at the age of seventy years. He married Elizabeth A. Thompson, who was born in Delaware and died in Washington County. Of their family of nine children, the late Mrs. Watson was the fifth in order of birth.

To James Watson and wife were born the following children: Elizabeth Thompson Watson, who resides at Washington; Mary Baynton, who is the widow of the late Rev. Alexander Reed, resides at Washington and has four children: Eleanor, who married Joseph McCord and resides in Princeton, N. J.; Mary Morgan, who married John Ewing Woods, and resides in Cincinnati; James Watson Reed, who lives in Pittsburg; and Robert R. Reed, who is a resident of Washington; George Watson, who is deceased; Jane Gilman Watson, who resides at Washington; David Thompson Watson, who is one of the leading attorneys of Pennsylvania, lives in Pittsburg and married Miss Margaret Walker of that city; Matilda, who is the wife of A. G. Happer, of Washington; James Watson, who is deceased; and Will-

iam M. Watson, who resides at Seattle, Wash., married Sarah McKnight, of Pittsburg, and they have two children: Ormsby Morgan Watson and Maria Morgan Watson. For years this family and its connections have been identified with the best citizenship of Washington County.

JEREMIAH M. LINVILLE, one of Donegal Township's representative and substantial citizens, a prominent farmer and breeder of fine stock, resides on one farm of 108 acres and owns also another farm, containing 228 acres, both situated in Donegal Township. Mr. Linville was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., March 12, 1852, and is a son of George W. and Mary (Rodgers) Linville.

George W. Linville was born August 10, 1816, in Donegal Township, and was a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Riley) Linville. In 1836, Mr. Linville was married to Mary Rodgers, a daughter of Francis Rodgers. She died in 1865, having been the mother of the following children: Alfred, who is now deceased; George; Elizabeth; Mary Jane, who is now deceased; Wilson; Francis; Jeremiah M.; John, and Calvin Terry. In 1867, Mr. Linville was married (second) to Lydia Lucas, and they had two sons, Riley and Newton. Mr. Linville followed farming and stock raising during the entire active portion of his life. With his family he was a member of the Dutch Fork Disciples Church.

Jeremiah M. Linville was reared in Donegal Township, but he obtained his education mainly in the schools of Independence Township. He is a man of ample fortune and has many important business interests, nevertheless he can be classed with those who have justly gained the title of self made men. When he left home he went to Licking and Athens Counties, Ohio, and there spent thirteen years in the lumber regions, interested in the sawmill business, after which he returned to Donegal Township and has resided here ever since, devoting a large part of his time to his stock interests. He has shown great good judgment in conducting these and his course has been fully justified by the results. On his farms are found registered Poland China hogs, Short-horn and Jersey cattle and other stock of the very best grade. He is progressive in his ideas and as a successful stockman he is known all over the county. He makes something of a specialty of sheep growing, keeping some 600 in his flocks, these also being of the kind that he has found will give the largest return in fine wool.

Mr. Linville was married in February, 1898, in Donegal Township, to Miss Millie Morrow, who is a daughter of Abraham Morrow, a former resident of this township. They are leading members of the Dutch Fork Disciples Church. In politics, Mr. Linville is a staunch supporter

of the principles and policies of the Republican party. He does his duty as a citizen but he is no seeker for political favors.

WILLIAM P. CURRY, who has served continuously for 18 years as secretary of the Hanover Township School Board, is an esteemed and representative citizen and resides on his valuable farm of 60 acres, on which he was born, in September, 1850, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Stewart) Curry. The family is an old one in Washington County and the father was a volunteer in the War of 1812.

William P. Curry is the youngest in a family of three children, having one brother, Oliver S., who is a farmer in Hanover Township; and Caroline A., a sister, who married Aaron Johnston. All attended the district schools and William P. then took a college course at Pittsburg, Pa., after which he taught school for two terms in Allegheny County. Before settling down to business, Mr. Curry then spent six months in travel through the West, visiting many interesting places. After he returned he purchased his present place from the Robert Curry heirs and went into the stock business. He did a large amount of improving on this place, rebuilding where necessary and repairing wherever needed. With the exception of three years, Mr. Curry has spent his entire life in Hanover Township.

In 1846, Mr. Curry was married to Miss Agnes J. McKee, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Hill) McKee. Her father died when she was small, his children being: George; James, now deceased; Elizabeth, wife of James McGill; and Agnes J., the wife of Mr. Curry. Her mother was later married to Robert Fulton and had three children: Emma, Estella and Castner. Mr. and Mrs. Curry have four children: May W., who is a teacher in the public schools of Pittsburg; Lou A., who is a stenographer for the Carnegie Steel Company; Gladys, who is a stenographer for J. B. Haynes & Son, merchants, at Pittsburg; and Elva B., who is a stenographer for the Credit Men's Association at Pittsburg, all intellectual and accomplished young ladies. Mr. Curry and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown.

CHARLES F. HALLAM, a member of the Hallam Construction Company, and one of the substantial business men of Washington, Pa., was born in 1861, in this city, and is a son of Louis and Rosanna (Teegarden) Hallam, and a grandson of Joseph Hallam, one of the pioneer hotel men of Washington.

Louis Hallam, father of our subject, was born in Washington in 1814, where during his early life he followed his trade of blacksmith, but later engaged in teaming. He was the owner of several teams of horses and carted goods across the mountains. His death

occurred in Washington in 1876. He married Rosanna Teegarden, and of their union were born the following children: Joseph, who is engaged in the contracting business; George T., also engaged in the contracting business; John W., who with Charles F. Hallam, our subject, operates the Hallam Construction Company of Washington; Robert H., who is engaged in the furniture business; Anna; Sophia, who is the widow of George Parshall; and three who are deceased.

Charles F. Hallam obtained his educational training in the schools of Washington, Pa., and was practically reared in the construction business. In partnership with his brother John, he established the Hallam Construction Company, which is the largest concern of its kind in the county. They at times employ as high as 400 laborers and own seventy-five head of work horses and often find it necessary to hire from twenty to twenty-five extra teams. In politics, Mr. Hallam is identified with the Republican party and takes an active interest in all affairs concerning that party.

In August, 1887, Mr. Hallam was united in marriage with Ida M. Briggs, who was born and reared in Washington, and to them has been born one daughter, Rosanna.

OLIVER S. CURRY, one of Hanover Township's leading citizens, who owns 67 acres of valuable land, which he devotes to farming and stock raising, was born in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he has spent his whole life, September 28, 1843, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Stewart) Curry.

The grandparents of Mr. Curry were Robert and Isabella (McKenzie) Curry, who came to America from Scotland. Robert Curry (2) father of Oliver S., was born in Washington County at a date not recalled, but he was old enough to be a volunteer in the War of 1812, and he received 160 acres of land in Kansas as a reward for his services in the war. He owned a farm of 148 acres in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa. He married Sarah Stewart and they had three children: Caroline A., who married Aaron Johnston; Oliver S. and William P.

Oliver S. Curry had sufficient educational training to enable him to become a teacher, having attended school regularly in Hanover Township, after which he took a course at the Iron City College, in Pittsburg, but he did not make use of his knowledge in that way. As he was the eldest son and his father needed him at home, he returned to the farm and has engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since.

In October, 1879, Mr. Curry was married to Miss Letitia Hanlin, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Lyons) Hanlin, who were farming people in Jefferson Township. They are now deceased and their remains rest in the cemetery at Eldersville, Washington County.





D. WALLACE PATTERSON

Mr. Hanlin was a Republican in politics, and both he and wife belonged to the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Curry is one of the following family of children: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Letitia, who is the wife of Mr. Curry; Fillmore; James R., who is deceased; Florence, who is the widow of Samuel Johnston; and Anna L., who is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry have three accomplished daughters: Ethel, who is a popular teacher in the public schools at Duquesne, Allegheny County; Margaret, who is stenographer for the Reinecke Wagner Company, of Pittsburg; and Bertha, who is a teacher in Finley Township, Allegheny County. Mr. Curry and family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat and he has served the township as a member of the election board.

D. WALLACE PATTERSON, who, for 40 years has been continuously engaged in educational work in Washington County, is one of the best known and most esteemed of its citizens. He was born in 1846, at Patterson's Mill, in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., and still occupies the fine old mill property.

The parents of Mr. Patterson were Lysander and Elizabeth (Wallace) Patterson, the former of whom was a native and lifelong resident of Washington County, except for one year spent in the West. The mother was of an old and respected family of Allegheny County. They were the parents of the following children: D. Wallace, Mandoline, John, Margaret, Jennie, Maurice, Mayo, Mary, Harry and Elizabeth. Of this family, John is a practicing physician at Imperial, Pa. Margaret married James Clemens and they live at Bavington, Pa. Jennie married Robert Clemens and they live at the same place. Maurice is temporarily in Texas. Dr. Mayo is now deceased. Mary resides at Imperial and Harry resides at Youngstown, Ohio. Elizabeth married Clarence Colter and they live at Mineral, W. Va.

D. Wallace Patterson attended the schools at Patterson's Mill until 20 years of age and then began to teach and later took a course in the State Normal School at California, Pa. Mr. Patterson has devoted a long life to useful effort and he has found a large measure of enjoyment in it, the gaining and imparting of knowledge having largely filled the cup of his ambition. He is entering upon his seventh continuous year at Patterson's Mill and has a large body of students in charge. He has been one of the township's most active citizens in aiding movements for the general welfare, having always been an earnest and thoughtful student of public affairs. On many occasions he has been selected for responsible offices by his fellow citizens and he has served as judge of elections, inspector and clerk and also as road supervisor and auditor.

In 1878, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Jennie Patterson, a daughter of Robert and Isabella Patterson, of Westmoreland County, Pa., and they have had four children, namely: Alva, who resides at home; Lester, who lives at Youngstown, Ohio; Lena, who is a successful teacher; and Ellie, who died at the age of 17 years.

V. O. ZAHNISER, of the prominent foundry and machine firm of Zahniser Bros. & Sten, with plant and automobile garage on Washington street, near Chestnut, Washington, Pa., was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1860, and is a son of Michael Zahniser, who was born there in 1820 and was the progenitor of a large family, and a descendant of a very old settled one in Pennsylvania.

V. O. Zahniser remained in his native place until he was twenty-four years of age, attending school in his earlier years and later assisting on the home farm. He then went to the West and spent a year in Nebraska, during that time teaching school and farming, and from there went to Kansas, where he took up a homestead of 160 acres, located in Cheyenne County, and resided there for one and one-half years. He returned to Nebraska for another year, but in September, 1888, he went back to the East and took up his residence at Washington. For about one year he worked at rig building in the oil fields, then was in railroad work for ten months and after this experience entered the employ of the McDermott Tool Company, at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. His work there covered a period of eighteen months, when he came back to Washington, where he had many friends and relatives, and shortly afterward became a member of the firm of Zahniser Bros. & Sten. He has additional interests, some of these being in the oil fields, and he is also concerned in the Forging Machine Shops, at Waynesburg. He has been a man of progressiveness and energy wherever he has lived and is numbered with the stable and reliable business men of Washington.

In 1895, Mr. Zahniser was married to Miss Mary Bender, of Shelton, Neb. They are members of the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington.

JOHN CLARK RANKIN, D. D. S., a leading practitioner of dentistry at Canonsburg, Pa., is a member of an old established family of North Strabane Township, Washington County, the old homestead on which Dr. Rankin was born, October 1, 1858, being situated four miles from Canonsburg. Both his father and grandfather lived on that farm. He is a son of John H. and Almira (Lee) Rankin, and a grandson of John Rankin.

To John Rankin four sons and one daughter were born, namely: John H., Samuel, Joshua, Margaret and Joseph H., the latter being the only member of the family still surviving. He resides at No. 714 Allison

avenue, Washington, Pa. John H. Rankin, father of Dr. Rankin, died in April, 1896, when in his sixty-seventh year. He married Almira Lee, who was born in Allegheny County and died October 15, 1903, when in her seventy-third year. The Lees were of English extraction and one branch of the family settled in Virginia and there became distinguished. The Rankins were of Scotch-Irish stock. To John H. Rankin and wife were born four sons and two daughters, as follows: William, who died in childhood; Mary Elizabeth, who resides at Canonsburg; Almira Belle, who is now deceased, was the wife of Capt. A. M. Porter; James Lee, who is a druggist, married Elizabeth McCloy, of Washington County; Joseph H., who died at the age of nineteen years; and John Clark, of Canonsburg.

Dr. John Clark Rankin grew to manhood in North Strabane Township and attended the public schools and also the Canonsburg Academy and after deciding upon his choice of profession, became a student in the Pennsylvania Dental College, at Philadelphia, where he was creditably graduated in the class of 1886. He remained in Philadelphia for six years longer, engaging in the practice of his profession, then went to Pittsburg and built up a large practice there and continued his office in that city for fourteen years. In 1882 his father had purchased the present comfortable residence at Canonsburg and during his period of practice at Pittsburg as well as since, Dr. Rankin maintained this as his home. He has a very satisfactory practice in this city and his work commands large remuneration, being along the most modern lines. He has thoroughly equipped offices and keeps abreast with the times in professional methods.

In March, 1904, Dr. Rankin was married to Miss Mary Margaret McKinley, a daughter of Rev. E. G. McKinley, a presbyterian minister, who is now engaged in missionary work in Florida. They have one child, Anna Lee. Dr. and Mrs. Rankin are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg.

W. G. EDMONDS, who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., since 1901, is engaged in the real estate and insurance business and is also the local representative of the firm of Simon White & Son, the owners of the largest monument business in Washington County, their plant being located at Clayville. Mr. Edmonds was born at Bellaire, Ohio, in 1881, and when fourteen years of age, moved to Muncie, Ind., where he completed his education.

Mr. Edmonds' entrance into business was as a designer of moulds for glassware, and his artistic talent made him very successful in that line. Prior to engaging in his present business, which he established in February, 1909, he was connected for two years with the firm of A. B. Caldwell, dealers in clothing and furnishing goods,

and there gained a fair knowledge of successful merchandising. Mr. Edmonds is a musician of more than usual ability and he has composed a number of pieces of music which have been cordially received by the musical world. He is an active, enterprising young man and, aside from his different business undertakings, is interested to some degree in local politics.

In 1904, Mr. Edmonds was married to Miss Anna E. Dougherty, a daughter of the late Dr. George A. Dougherty. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds have four children: Clarence, Margaret, Roy and Raymond. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM W. WEIRICH, a leading citizen of Canton Township, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, belongs to one of the old settled families of this section. He was born in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 21, 1845, and is a son of Samuel K. and Charlotte A. (Shaffer) Weirich.

Samuel K. Weirich was born in Canton Township and was a son of Hon. Jacob Weirich, who was also born in Washington County and was the son of Jacob Weirich, the founder of the family here, who came from Lancaster County, Pa. Hon. Jacob Weirich, the grandfather, was a very prominent man in his day in Washington County, serving as a member of the State Legislature. His son, Samuel K., followed closely in his footsteps. He was a justice of the peace for many years and also served as county commissioner. He was a shrewd and successful business man and engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits.

William W. Weirich was reared in Canton Township and obtained his education in the local schools. His business has been farming and raising stock and his undertakings have been uniformly successful.

In politics he is a Republican but has independent tendencies, being a man well qualified to judge public matters according to their merits. He has frequently served in public capacities, being a member of the township school board during three terms and treasurer of the same, has also been road commissioner and township auditor. He is a man of public spirit and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

On April 30, 1867, Mr. Weirich was married to Miss Mary E. Christie, of West Middletown, Pa., a daughter of John F. Christie, late of Washington. To this marriage seven children were born, six of whom survive: Lucy M., who is the wife of Philo Paul, of Duquesne, Pa.; Samuel K., who is an oil well contractor at Washington, who has been in the Philippine Islands, in Japan, and many European countries; Mamie E., who is the wife of John W. Miller, of Turtle Creek, Pa.; Lovenia, who is the wife of S. A. Davis, of Canton Township;



John C., who resides at Portland, Oregon; William H., who died during the Spanish-American War when he was serving in Co.G, 2nd W. Va. Inf.; and J. Alvin, who lives at Washington. Mr. Weirich and family belong to the First Christian Church at Washington. On January 10, 1906, Mr. Weirich was deprived of his companion, after a happy domestic life of thirty-nine years. The bereavement was a heavy one as she was a woman of most lovely character.

R. W. KNOX, a successful lawyer of Washington, Pa., comes of an old and prominent family of Washington County. He was born on a farm in Buffalo Township in 1869, and is a son of William Knox, who was born on the same farm in 1827. John Knox, grandfather of R. W. Knox, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and upon coming to the United States located in Washington County, Pa., in 1811. In 1813, he settled upon the farm in Buffalo Township, upon which his son William has always lived. The latter has been engaged in general farming and sheep raising on a large scale, and is one of the most substantial and venerated citizens of that section.

R. W. Knox received a preliminary education in the district schools of Buffalo Township, supplemented by a classical course in Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1893. He then completed a two-year course in law in the University of Buffalo, graduating in 1895, and in the following year was admitted to the bar of Washington County, and at once opened an office at Washington, where he has since continued with uninterrupted success. He practices in all the State courts and is a member of the Washington County Bar Association. Mr. Knox is an enthusiastic Democrat and has always been a hard worker for party supremacy. He served three years as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and in 1908 was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Denver.

In 1904, Mr. Knox was married to Miss Sarab A. Chaney, a daughter of G. W. Chaney, of Washington, Pa. They are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church. Socially, he is a member of the Bassett Club.

A. J. FERGUSON, one of Smith Township's representative citizens and successful farmers and dairymen, residing on his farm of 213 acres, was born in Jackson County, W. Va., August 15, 1862. His parents were James M. and Mary Jane (Boso) Ferguson.

James M. Ferguson was born in Westmoreland County, Pa. From the time of his marriage until his death, which occurred May 14, 1895, he resided in Jackson Coun-

ty, W. Va., and his widow surviving, resides at New Cumberland, Hancock County, in the same State. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church as far back as their son can remember, and the father was a class leader.

A. J. Ferguson was reared and educated in Jackson County. When he started out for himself, he went to Illinois, and there followed farm work for ten years, returning then to West Virginia, where, for the next seven years, he engaged in teaming at New Cumberland. He then moved to Beaver County, Pa., where he acquired land and carried on farming for eleven years, in April, 1906, coming to his present place, which he leases from the Pittsburgh & Erie Coal Company. About fifty acres of this land is in pasture and has never been under the plough, and forty acres is covered with valuable timber. He makes dairying a leading feature, keeping nineteen cows and daily shipping fifty gallons of milk to Pittsburgh. He is a man of excellent business qualifications and has developed a large dairy business from its beginning.

On March 13, 1889, Mr. Ferguson was married to Miss Hattie M. Smith, a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Smith, and they have four children: Homer R., Cecil, Marie and May, the two eldest being students in the Burgettstown high school and the others attendants in Smith Township. Mr. Ferguson and wife are members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. As was his father, he is a Democrat in his political views, but he takes more interest in properly directing his own business than in attending to public matters.

ARCHIBALD THISTLE, a representative business man of Washington, Pa., jeweler and optician, is established at No. 36 North Main street. He was born at Washington, in 1881, and is a son of Dr. J. L. Thistle, one of Washington County's leading physicians and surgeons.

Mr. Thistle attended the Washington schools and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, and left college to enter business in his junior year, in the following year embarking in his present line, and has met with satisfying success. He carries a large stock of jewelry, watches and diamonds, and a full line of optical goods, and is prepared to do the work of an optician.

In 1905, Mr. Thistle was married to Miss Dessie Leonard, and they have one son, Joseph L. Thistle, Jr., a namesake of his indulgent grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Thistle are members of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks. He is an enterprising and well balanced young business man and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. He takes no very active interest in politics.

WILLIAM M. NEEDHAM, who owns 23 acres of well cultivated land situated in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born at West Alexander, Pa., February 25, 1868, and is a son of Hugh and Mary (Hughes) Needham.

Both the father and mother of Mr. Needham were born in County Mayo, Ireland, and they were married there before they crossed the great ocean to America, in 1847. When the war of 1861 was declared, Hugh Needham enlisted for service, becoming a member of the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., in which he remained until the close of the war. He survived a severe gunshot wound in the wrist and returned home, but later was accidentally killed by a railroad train, at Colliers, West Va. His venerable widow, now in her 80th year, still survives and has her appointed place in the household of her son. The children born to Hugh and Mary Needham were the following: Ellen, who married James Holleran; Peter, who lives in Texas; Mary; Margaret, who married Martin Larkins; William M. and Charles.

William M. Needham attended school pretty regularly through the winter seasons until he was 17 years old, and then started to helping his father clear up the farm. He can remember when it was all a wilderness and none of the present improvements had been put here, and a large amount of hard work had to be done before the timber was cleared off. A great change has been brought about by industry and perseverance.

Before the father of Mr. Needham became a soldier, he was a Democrat in his political opinions, but he afterward became a Republican and his sons adopted his views. The family belongs to the Catholic Church.

SAMUEL SHANE, owner and proprietor of the leading hardware store at McDonald, Pa., is one of the foremost citizens of this section of Washington County and is actively interested in a number of its business enterprises and a leader in public affairs. He was born in Allegheny County, Pa., Sept. 8, 1854, and is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Ann (Miller) Shane.

Andrew Shane was born in Allegheny County and was a son of Samuel and Mary (Patterson) Shane. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life, in the vicinity of Robinson Run, and died on his farm there in July, 1904. He married Elizabeth Ann Miller, whose father was Richard Miller. She still survives and, as was her late husband, is a valued member of the United Presbyterian Church at Robinson Run and his remains rest in the cemetery there. They had the following children: R. M.; Samuel; T. R., who lives in Cecil Township; J. P., who resides at McDonald; and Anna Mary.

Samuel Shane attended the public schools near his home in boyhood, then an academy at Oakdale, after which for five years he taught school in Allegheny Com-

ity and following that spent one and one-half years in attendance at the Indiana State Normal School. Four more years of teaching followed in Allegheny County and for one year he was associated with Dr. Irons, a noted educator, in conducting a select school known as Ingleside Academy. Mr. Shane then turned his attention to merchandising, having Joseph Gladen as a partner at first, but has been alone since embarking in his present business on Oct. 6, 1884. Mr. Shane has served continuously as school director ever since McDonald has been a borough and it is a fact that the public schools here are most creditable in character. He is a director in the First National Bank and also in the Heat and Light Company as well as the Water Company. He was reared a Republican, but his own views are in favor of the principles of the Prohibition party.

On June 19, 1900, Mr. Shane was married to Miss Minnie B. Wallace, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Sproul) Wallace, the former of whom is surviving, but the latter has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace had the following children: Minnie B.; J. F., who is an attorney residing in Pittsburgh; Nettie, who married J. P. Shane, a brother of Samuel; and R. S., who is an attorney in Pittsburgh. To Mr. and Mrs. Shane three children have been born, namely: Edna Maurine, who is a student at Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pa.; and Gertrude Elizabeth and Samuel Wallace. Mr. Shane and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Robinson Run.

CLIFFORD T. IRWIN, a representative business man of Washington who deals in general hardware, paints and oils, at No. 483 West Chestnut Street, has been a resident of this city for the past six years. He was born in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1877, and is a son of the late William C. Irwin.

William C. Irwin was born in Canton Township, Washington County, May 6, 1830, and was a grandson of David Irwin, who undoubtedly was one of the earliest settlers of Washington County. James Irwin, father of William C. and son of David, was born and reared in Canton Township. To his second marriage, with Nancy Clark, the following children were born: Margaret, Ann, Jane, Mary, William C., Martha, David, Nancy and Adeline. The mother died in 1860, the father having passed away in 1854. The grandparents of Clifford T. Irwin were among the founders of the United Presbyterian Church at North Buffalo.

On October 19, 1854, William C. Irwin was married to Mary R. Dye, and they had the following children: James D., who lives on the old homestead; John L. and Leman N., both of whom reside at Washington; William M., who is proprietor of the Clover Leaf Dairy, lives at Washington; Asa C., who also resides in Washington;



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Charles Milton, who is a farmer in Buffalo Township; Clifford T.; Edith E. and Marietta, all of whom reside at Washington, Pa. The mother of the above family died in 1886 but the father survived until 1902. He was one of the substantial farmers of Canton Township and owned valuable property there. Both he and wife were worthy members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Clifford T. Irwin was reared in Canton Township and remained on the home farm until the death of his father. He was educated in the public schools and Washington Business College, graduating in 1895. After coming to Washington, Mr. Irwin, associated with his brother, William M. Irwin, erected the commodious brick business block on West Chestnut street, the dimensions of which are 41 by 70 feet, two stories in height, with two large business apartments on the first floor, one of these being occupied by Mr. Irwin, since 1905, as a hardware store. He carries a very complete stock and does a business which has had a steady growth since it was started.

In 1902, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Lina Lindley, of Washington County, who died November 20, 1909. She was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Their two children survive: Dorothy and Edith. Mr. Irwin is also a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and one of the most interested members of Judge McIlvain's Bible class.

JAMES N. and DAVID H. BEMIS, physicians and surgeons, who are associated in practice at West Middletown, Pa., are among the best known and most reputable citizens of Washington County. They trace a clear ancestral line back to Joseph Bemis, who was born in England, in 1619, who came to Watertown, Mass., in 1640, with his wife Sarah, and died in 1684.

Of the descendants of Joseph Bemis the records show that more than 100 served in the American Revolution. One of his descendants was Elias Howe, whose mother was a Bemis and who also married a Bemis, was the inventor of the sewing machine. The line of descent from Joseph Bemis the settler, to Drs. Bemis of West Middletown, is as follows: Joseph, Philip, David, John, David and Erastus, seven generations before the present one. David Bemis, the great-great-grandfather, and John Bemis, the great-grandfather, were both soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The former married Mary, a daughter of David Dunster, who was the grandson of Henry Dunster, who came from Lancashire, England, and was the first president of Harvard College. John Bemis, son of David and Mary (Dunster) Bemis, was married to Jemima, daughter of Rev. David Whipple, the first Baptist minister of the State of Vermont.

James N. Bemis, M. D., was born June 20, 1845, in Hopewell Township, Washington Co., Pa., where his

brother and associate, Dr. David H. Bemis, was born, June 17, 1852. They, with a sister, Mary, were the only children of their parents, who were Dr. Erastus and Ruth (McCullough) Bemis.

Dr. Erastus Bemis was born near Brattleboro, Vt., October 3, 1817, and his early life was passed in his native State, where he received an elementary training. He engaged in teaching during his early days and during his vacations pursued a course of study. About 1840, or perhaps a little earlier, he came to Pigeon Creek, Washington Co., Pa., and entered the office of Dr. Emery, remaining there some time. He attended Dartmouth College one year, after which he entered the University of New York, from which he was graduated in 1842, when he returned to Washington County and for a time assisted his former preceptor, Dr. Emery. After his marriage, in 1844, he settled in Buffalo Village, in Hopewell Township, and practiced there until 1847, when he moved to West Middletown, where the remainder of his life was passed. He became one of the most successful and well known physicians of the county, and in educational matters was the peer of any citizen in his vicinity. Originally he was a Whig in politics and was a leader in the Abolition party, taking an active part in the Underground Railway, of which West Middletown was then a station. His death occurred in the prime of life, July 14, 1866. He was married February 14, 1844, to Ruth McCullough, who was born in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., April 30, 1819, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (McMillen) McCullough, the former a native of Somerset Township and the latter of Peters Township. The grandfather of Mrs. Bemis was Patrick McCullough, who was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and was 18 years old when he came to America. At that time he located in Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he became possessed of some 600 acres. Of this he received a patent for 439 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, this document bearing date of March 4, 1786, being now in the possession of the subjects of this sketch. The warrant for the land was October 29, 1784. Patrick McCullough served on the first jury in Washington County, and he was one of the signers of the moral pact entered into by the people of that part of the county for the suppression of lawlessness. His wife was Hannah Smith. The wife of Dr. Erastus Bemis died March 8, 1901.

James N. Bemis attended the local schools until prepared for Washington and Jefferson College, where he completed his literary training. He then attended the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for one year, and subsequently took a final course at Bellevue Medical College and Hospital, New York, where he was graduated in 1870. Coming immediately to West Middletown, he has since been located

there and since 1878 has been associated in medical practice with his brother. Dr. James N. Bemis was married September 7, 1876, to Miss Dora Chapman, who died in 1877. He was married (second) to Miss Jennie Brownlee, a daughter of John Brownlee, and they have had the following children: Newton, who is deceased; Ruth; Janet; Sarah L.; and Erastus Lindsey.

David H. Bemis also entered Washington and Jefferson College after his preparatory training, but on account of failing health was obliged to leave his studies when in his junior year. Subsequently he read medicine and entered Bellevue College, New York, where he was graduated in 1878. He immediately settled at West Middletown, where he has been associated with his brother. Both physicians are held in high regard by their fellow citizens, their professional skill being undoubted and their personal qualifications being such as to make them desirable and valuable citizens. They are both active in public affairs to a reasonable extent and have served acceptably in numerous borough offices. They vote with the Republican party. In September, 1908, Dr. David H. Bemis was married to Miss Jennie E. Brownlee, a daughter of Ebenezer and Eliza Brownlee, residents of Donegal Township, Washington County. For several years, Dr. David H. Bemis has filled the office of pension examiner.

WILLIAM T. POLLOCK, a veteran of the Civil War, and owner of a farm of 160 acres, lying in North Strabane and South Strabane Townships, was for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Washington County. He now lives in retirement at No. 50 North avenue, Washington, Pa., where he recently erected a fine modern brick residence. He was born in North Strabane Township September 28, 1840, a son of James Pollock, and comes of a family long established in this county, his father and grandfather having been born in Washington County on the same farm which is now owned by our subject, and which was first the property of his great-grandfather, John Pollock.

William T. Pollock was reared in North Strabane Township and received his education in the district schools and at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, where he was a student when the Civil War began. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, 140th Pennsylvania Regiment, and served until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, participating in all the important engagements and skirmishes up to that time, including the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Bristow Station, Mine Run, the four days' battle in the Wilderness, Tod's Tavern, Poe River, Spottsylvania, Tolopotama, Cold Harbor, the Siege of Petersburg, (including all the engagements in the vicinity of that city) Fort Steadman, Reams Station, Deep Bottom, Five Forks, and Appomattox. He enlisted

as a private and was orderly sergeant at the time of the surrender, and while he had buttons shot off his coat, and his canteen shot, he suffered not even the slightest skin wound, nor was he ever sent to the hospital. He was mustered out of service at Alexandria and paid at Pittsburg. After the war Mr. Pollock engaged in farming in Washington County on the old farm entered from the government by his great-grandfather, raising a large number of sheep for many years. He then engaged in dairying for about 20 years, and in 1909 came to Washington, where he erected a fine modern brick residence. Here he lives in retirement in the enjoyment of a well earned rest after years of unceasing activity.

In December, 1867, Mr. Pollock was united in marriage with Sarah J. Barr, who was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., and they have three children living, namely: Elizabeth A., residing at home; Margaret M., who is the wife of Rev. Robert Harsha of Taylorstown; and James H., who lives on the farm. Mr. Pollock and family are members of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church, in which he is serving on the board of elders. He is also a member of Templeton Post, G. A. R.

JEROME W. POTTS, who is the manager of the old Potts homestead farm situated in Hanover Township, of which he is one of the heirs, was born in Hanover Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 17, 1848, and is a son of William and Margaret (Ward) Potts.

Both parents of Mr. Potts are now deceased, having passed their whole lives in Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer and they both were devoted members of the historic old Presbyterian Church at Florence, where Rev. Elisha McCurdy, of noted memory, was the first minister, and as he also practiced medicine in a quiet way he frequently made professional as well as pastoral calls at the home of William Potts and his mother, Lydia Potts. To William and Margaret Potts were born the following children: Renemah, who married Dr. W. F. Pollock, of South Pittsburg; William Jackson, who died July 21, 1895; Jerome W.; Thomas Albert and James A., twins. The former died when two and one-half years old, but the latter is a practicing physician in Pittsburg, Pa., where he was married to Miss Fannie W. McGahan, a teacher of that city, October 25, 1888.

Jerome W. Potts attended school as regularly as his health would permit until he was about seventeen years of age and then became a clerk in a general store at Florence and later at Burgettstown, with the idea of subsequently becoming a merchant, but continued poor health made it advisable for him to turn to work that would be in the open air and thus he became a farmer. He has always maintained his residence in Florence, but manages the work of the tenant farmer and raises quite

a large amount of stock for which he finds a ready sale. In politics he is a Democrat as was his father, and he has served acceptably in the office of township auditor for a number of years.

On October 2, 1879, Mr. Potts was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Stevenson, only daughter of Rev. Ross and Elizabeth (Hurst) Stevenson. Rev. Ross Stevenson was born in Strabane, Ireland, and came to this country when eighteen years of age, and for fifty years was a minister of the Presbyterian faith. He married Elizabeth Hurst, who was born at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and their only child was Elizabeth H., the young mother dying when her babe was but nine days old in Johnstown, Pa., where Mr. Stevenson was pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts have no children of their own, but they are rearing and educating Agnes Florence Potts, giving her every advantage although they have not adopted her. They are members and liberal supporters of the Presbyterian Church at Florence.

FRANK H. MEYER, who has been proprietor of Hotel Donora at Donora, Pa., since April, 1906, was born July 8, 1875 at Essen, Germany, and is a son of Henry and Dora (Minor) Meyer, both of whom were born and reared in that place.

Henry Meyer, who was for many years engaged as a shoe merchant in Essen, in 1880 brought his family to the United States, locating for one year at Noblestown, Allegheny County, Pa. He then removed to Carnegie, where he resided 13 years, and then went to New Kensington, Pa., where he lived until 1906. He then came to Donora and in partnership with his son Frank H. purchased from F. E. Garwood, the Hotel Donora, which he operated for two years. Selling his interest to his son, he then returned to New Kensington, Pa., where he still resides, spending his time in looking after his real estate interests. He married Dora Minor, who died in the fall of 1906, and of their union were born the following children: Herman; Frank Henry, the subject of this sketch; Adolph; Mary, who is the wife of Dr. E. W. Klingensmith; and Charles, who was the only child born in the United States.

Frank H. Meyer was quite young when his parents came to this county and was reared to maturity at Carnegie, where he attended the common schools of the First Ward. When a young man he learned the barber's trade, afterwards conducting a shop at New Kensington, Pa., for twelve years. In 1906 he came to Donora and with his father purchased the Hotel Donora, and since 1908, when he purchased his father's interest, he has been sole owner of the business.

Mr. Meyer was married June 12, 1907, to Margaret Keating, a daughter of James Keating, who is one of

the old residents of New Kensington, Pa. In fraternal circles he holds membership with the B. P. O. E. at Monessen, and the Improved Order of Heptasophs at New Kensington, and he is religiously a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is politically an adherent of the Republican party.

M. L. COOKE, a prosperous general farmer of Smith Township, residing on his well improved property which contains 169 acres, was born on this same farm, in Washington County, Pa., April 6, 1850. His parents were O. P. and Eliza (Lyle) Cooke.

Mr. Cooke was educated in the common schools of Smith Township and at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, after which he took charge of the farm when he was nineteen years old, and has since made this his home. Mr. Cooke has either erected or put in repair all the buildings now standing on the farm and has made many improvements which have added both to the appearance and value of the property. He grows excellent crops, making use of modern machinery and raises sufficient stock for his own use. He is a stockholder in the Washington National Bank at Burgettstown and formerly was one of the directors. In politics he is a Republican but takes no very active interest and the only public office he ever accepted was that of school director.

On December 30, 1880, Mr. Cooke was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Welch, a daughter of M. R. Welch, and they have had four children: Clair, who is the teacher at the Cook school in Smith Township; and Homer C., Julius R. and Lela, Julius R. being deceased. Mr. Cooke and family attend the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

ALEXANDER SPEER, one of the representative men of Canonsburg, has been a resident of this locality for thirty-seven years and has been identified with the business and public interests of the borough ever since locating here. He was born August 22, 1850, in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Robert and Nancy (Harsha) Speer.

The first of the Speer family to locate in Washington County were three brothers, and one of these, Robert Speer, was the grandfather of Alexander Speer. He married a Miss Mathews, and settled on the little branch of Chartiers Creek, purchasing a farm which has been in the possession of the family for more than 100 years. The children born to the grandparents of Alexander Speer were: James, who lived on the home farm; Latta, who was a United Presbyterian minister and preached at the Cross Roads Church; Jane, who married a Mr. Black, of Allegheny City; and Robert. Robert Speer, father of Alexander, was a native of Washington County, and conducted a carding mill below Canonsburg up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1852, when he

was forty-eight years of age. His wife, who was a native of Chartiers Township, died in March, 1903, having reached the age of ninety-one years. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, who died young; Jennie, who married William Patterson, of Venice; James F., a veteran of the Civil War, residing in South Canonsburg, who married Rebecca McMillan, great-granddaughter of Dr. John McMillan, and daughter of John McMillan; Robert L., who was a soldier in the Civil War, was wounded in the service and died of chronic diarrhea contracted while in the army; Stewart, who died in Cass County, Mo., where he had been engaged in farming; Alexander; and Catherine, who married Joseph Templeton, of North Strabane Township.

Alexander Speer has been a resident of Canonsburg for many years, and his education was secured in Chartiers Township. Until the age of eighteen years he worked on a farm, then learned the bricklaying trade, which he followed for a long period, and he helped to build the majority of the houses on Jefferson street, Canonsburg. He now resides in his own home here, which, at the time it was erected by him was located in Chartiers Township, but has since been included in the borough. A Republican in political matters, Mr. Speer has been an active worker in the ranks of his party in this section, and has served as a member of the council and as treasurer of the borough. He belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

In March, 1882, Mr. Speer was united in marriage with Eliza J. Wallace, daughter of James and Jaue (Irwin) Wallace, former residents of Six-Mile Ferry, Allegheny County, on the Monongahela River, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Speer have had no children. She has two brothers living: Samuel, a farmer of Baldwin Township; and John I., a retired citizen of near Knoxville.

HON. JOHN G. CLARKE, ex-member of the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, and a director of the First National Bank of Washington, for many years has been one of the most active and best known men of Washington County, Pa. His principal business until recent years was farming and wool growing, in South Franklin Township, but he is now living practically retired from business activity, his residence being at No. 90 South Wade avenue, Washington. He was born not far from Washington, January 24, 1829, and is the third son of Joseph Clarke and a grandson of Joseph Clarke, Sr., who patented the farm on which the nephew of John G. Clarke, Joseph J. Clarke now lives, in South Franklin Township.

John G. Clarke enjoyed excellent educational advantages, first in the public schools and later in Washington and Jefferson College. At the beginning of his individual career, agricultural activities lay nearest his hand and he became interested in farming and stock raising,

but, at the same time, gave considerable attention to the affairs which pertained to the welfare of South Franklin Township. After the formation of the new township of Franklin, in which he assisted, he helped in its redistricting and at the first election was chosen as a member of the school board. Being somewhat of an enthusiast on matters pertaining to public education, he continued his services on the board and for a long term of years was its secretary. As his years increased his public responsibilities increased also. Soon after its incorporation, he was elected to the board of managers of the Upper Ten-Mile Plank Road Company and served as its president for thirty-five years.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Clarke became an extensive wool grower and was one of the leading advocates for a tariff on wool, writing articles on the subject for publication in the newspapers and carrying the fight to Congress, three times being sent to represent the Washington County Wool Growers' Association, of which he was president for several years, to Washington, D. C. In 1886, he had the honor of making the only farmer's address in defense of tariff on wool before the committee on ways and means. This address was published in the periodicals all over the United States and excited much comment, being pronounced a clear and convincing exposition of the wool growers' case. In addition he was chosen to make the speech on behalf of the wool growers' of Washington County, when this body visited the late President McKinley, at his residence. That he had a keen insight into the conditions that existed and the results that would be brought about by the proposed tariff, was amply demonstrated by what followed the enactment of the Dingley Bill.

Politically, Mr. Clarke was reared a Whig and held strong anti-slavery views and upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. In 1886 he was the party nominee for the State Legislature, and in his election which followed, led the ticket with the largest majority. He took the duties of his office seriously, was always to be found in his seat and in committee meetings, and voted intelligently on all questions of importance to his country and State. He was particularly active in furthering those bills of vital import to the rural communities, served efficiently as a member of the agricultural committee, and gave his influence in favor of the bill for the increase of State appropriations to the public schools. He antagonized the repeal of the oleomargarine law. Mr. Clarke served with faithfulness and won a place high in the esteem of his constituents.

On May 26, 1853, Mr. Clarke was married to Miss Sarah H. Clokey, a daughter of Samuel Clokey, of Clokeyville, Washington County, and to them were born seven sons and three daughters. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Washington, of which





HON. JOHN G. CLARKE



he has been an elder since 1864. Prior to that time he was a member of the East Buffalo congregation, of which he was made ruling elder when twenty-six years of age. He has always been very active in church work and has contributed liberally of his means to its support and to the furthering of charitable undertakings.

CLARK C. POST, who, in association with his son, John L. Post, owns a valuable farm of 266 acres, situated in Blaine Township, Washington Co., Pa., was born in Morris Township, December 16, 1840, and is a son of William A. and Margaret (Lindley) Post, both natives of Washington County.

William A. Post was a son of Jeremiah Post, who came to western Pennsylvania from New Jersey and settled in Washington County when forests covered a large part of the land, making his home in what is now South Franklin Township. Jeremiah Post married a daughter of Dr. Charles Cracroft, that pioneer physician of Washington County, who once was a prisoner with the Indians, but escaped. Nine children were born to William A. Post and wife and two of the sons—Jeremiah and Joseph M., were soldiers in the Civil War, Joseph M. being killed at the battle of Shiloh.

Clark C. Post is the only survivor of a once large and happy family that made the old farmhouse in Morris Township a place of domestic happiness, that went to the district schools in company and that sadly said farewell to the two brothers when they went to the war from which one never returned. In 1866, Mr. Post was married and in the fall of 1870, he moved to Pottawatomie County, Kas., taking up land on which he resided for thirteen years. From there he moved to near Warrensburg, Mo., sixty-five miles southeast of Kansas City, and remained there for ten years, after which he returned to Washington County and settled in West Finley Township, on the old McNay farm. From there, in the spring of 1907, he removed to Claysville, staying there until the spring of 1909, when he came to his present farm in Blaine Township. This has proved fine land for farming and stock raising and there is also probability of profitable oil production here. In politics, Mr. Post is a Democrat and while living in Johnson County, Mo., he served a number of years as school director of Warrensburg Township. He is no longer actively concerned in political matters.

On December 26, 1866, Mr. Post was married to Miss Nannie R. McNay, of West Finley Township, Washington County, a daughter of Smith and Jane (Bell) McNay, her father being once a prominent citizen there. Two sons and two daughters have been born to them: Belle, Etta M., Frank S., and John L. Belle Post was born in Washington County, January 19, 1868, married S. F. Hunter, of Johnson County, Mo., and they have

six children: Oma Belle, Edna Lucile, Clark Calvin, Nannie, John Dale and Glen. Etta M. Post was born in Washington County, November 9, 1869, married Charles C. Post, of Allen County, Ohio, and they have two children: Helen K. and Clark L. Frank S. Post was born in Pottawatomie County, Kas., October 11, 1871, and is a practicing physician of Pittsburg, Pa., residing on Penn avenue. He married Clara Kirk, and they have two children: Frank S., Jr., and Lawrence Kirk. John L. Post was born August 21, 1874, in Pottawatomie County, Kas., married Bertha E. Sprowls, of West Finley Township, and they have two children: Mary E. and Alice R. John L. Post is a graduate of the Missouri State Normal School and formerly was a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark C. Post are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Taylortown.

ROBERT J. COOK, justice of the peace at McDonald, Pa., and a leading citizen, was born near London, England, June 16, 1844, and is a son of Robert and Emma (Benton) Cook, who never came to America. The father was a farmer. He was an excellent man and both he and wife were members of the Episcopal Church. They had two children: Robert J. and William, the latter of whom is deceased.

Robert J. Cook was educated in England and remained there until he was twenty-five years of age and then came alone to America. His first year in the United States was spent on Long Island, N. Y., and from there he came to McDonald, where he remained until 1879, when he returned to his native land. Mr. Cook resided in England eight years before he came back to McDonald and his fellow citizens venture to hope that the claims of the old country can never again outweigh those of his adopted one, as he is a very popular citizen of McDonald. He understands several trades, brickmaking and picture-framing being included, but for some years he has found his time taken up with official duties. He was first appointed a justice of the peace in 1896. For thirteen years he was elected clerk of the borough council and has also been Burgess.

In October, 1872, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Matilda Carson, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Bell) Carson. They were natives of County Antrim, Ireland, where Mrs. Cook was born. She is one of the following children born to her parents: Robert, John, William and Samuel; and Eliza, who married Henry Smith; Matilda, who became Mrs. Cook; Charlotte, who married A. B. Cochran; and Margaret, who married James Querns. The mother of this family is now in her eighty-ninth year, but the father is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have had children, as follows: Robert, who married Agnes Dick; William; Emma, who married H. H. Forsythe; John, who married

Isabel Hassell, of Belleville, Ill.; Herbert; Mary, who married John E. Brown; Matilda, who married Leo Buheit, died in September, 1909; and George and Samuel. Mr. Cook's family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Carnegie.

C. O. BRADEN, who is engaged in the transfer and general storage business at Washington, Pa., was born July 18, 1857, in Morris Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of John Braden, who was born in Greene County, this State. His father came to this county in 1855 and was for many years engaged in farming, also dealing largely in stock and wool. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. His death occurred in 1896 in Washington County.

C. O. Braden was reared to maturity in Washington County, where he attended the common schools. At an early age he embarked in the mercantile business in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, after which he was for ten years a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house of Wheeling, West Virginia, and for the past eight or nine years has been successfully engaged in transferring and the general storage business. He also deals in flour in job lots.

In 1877 Mr. Braden was married to Emma Iams, who was born and reared in Washington County, and is a daughter of Thomas Iams, who lived near Amity for a number of years, and later moved to Arlington, Ill., where he died. The Iams family has been long established in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Braden have three children living, namely: Anna, wife of C. W. Minton, a resident of Washington, who is engaged in business at Pittsburg; Lucy Miller Braden, a stenographer, employed in the office of Murdock & Son; and Harry W., who is connected with the Dominion Natural Gas Company of Hamilton, Canada, and who married Nellie Covey, a native of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Braden is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington and one of the board of deacons. He is also a member of the improved order of Heptasophs.

ALEXANDER C. McCURE, a member of the firm of B. F. McClure & Bro., proprietors of a hardware business at Burgettstown and one of the leading citizens, was born at Washington, Washington Co., Pa., June 3, 1849, and is a son of Dr. Robert and Eleanor (Ruth) McClure.

Alexander C. McClure spent his school days at Washington and Middletown and then came to Burgettstown and has been interested here in the hardware line ever since. In 1874, when his brother, B. F. McClure, bought the present location, he purchased an interest and the firm style has been B. F. McClure & Bro., ever since.

On January 17, 1877, Mr. McClure was married to Miss Nannie Rankin, a daughter of John L. and Elizabeth Rankin, and they have four children: Frankie, who married Rev. Harry Nesbit; Anna, who married Dr. William P. Patterson; Belle, who married C. S. Graham; and Elizabeth, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. McClure are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican but takes no very active part in public affairs.

JAMES M. WALLACE, junior member of the prominent business firm at Midway, Pa., of Dickson & Wallace, dealers in hardware, lumber and builders' supplies, was born in Robeson Township, Washington Co., Pa., May 28, 1865, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (McBurney) Wallace.

Joseph Wallace was born in Washington County and was a son of Robert and Mary (Walker) Wallace. This is the same Robert Wallace who, when a child between three and four years of age, with his mother, an older brother, and an infant in arms, were taken from their home, near Florence, Pa., by Indians, in the raid of 1782. Robert was the only one of the prisoners ever recovered, his father securing him in 1786. He carried, however, through life, a scar on one cheek, made with a tomahawk in the hand of an Indian squaw. It seems passing strange that there are those now living who have listened to tales from the lips of participants, of the days when men, women and children suffered from Indian attacks and fled from savages over these smiling farms and the sites of busy towns. Joseph Wallace followed agricultural pursuits, assisting his father in early manhood and later acquiring substance and responsibilities of his own. He married Sarah McBurney and they both are deceased. She was a daughter of James and Catherine (Acheson) McBurney. The children born to Joseph and Sarah Wallace were as follows: James M.; Robert W.; Minnie J., who married W. H. Rutherford; Eleanor, who is deceased; John B.; and Margaret, who is the wife of Rev. J. D. Gibson, pastor of the Midway United Presbyterian Church.

James M. Wallace attended the public schools of Robeson Township, and later Ingleside Academy at McDonald, and subsequently took a commercial course at Duff's Business College, in Pittsburg. He then went back to the farm and remained there until 1895, when he came to Midway, formed his partnership with Mr. Dickson and has been actively engaged in business here ever since. He is an independent voter, not being identified with either of the dominating parties, and he is known to be a reliable dependable citizen.

In October, 1896, Mr. Wallace was married to Miss Minnie L. Cummins, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McCalmont) Cummins. She is one of the following

family of children: Minnie L., William M., Jean M., R. Max, Mamie, Charles and Boyd, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have one son, Joseph W. They are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Miller's Run.

WILHELM F. ALTEN, a prominent real estate and insurance dealer of Monongahela City, Pa., was born October 16, 1874, at Braddock, Pa., and is a son of George and Esther (Kremer) Alten.

George Alten was born and reared in Bremen, Germany, where his father, Heinrich Alten, was the proprietor of a large exporting and importing establishment, and of which city he and his wife Metta Alten, were lifelong residents. George Alten was born March 18, 1836, and when about 18 years of age came to America and after spending some years in Baltimore, Md., Tennessee, and Ohio, finally located in Pittsburg, Pa., where he engaged in the wholesale grocery business. He became a member of the firm of Watt, Lang & Company, one of the old established grocery houses of Pittsburg, and became one of the best known traveling salesmen on the Monongahela River and through Western Pennsylvania. He subsequently became identified with Allen, Kirkpatrick & Company, and Arbuckle & Company. He was first united in marriage with Rachael Norfolk of Monongahela City, their marriage being the first celebrated in the Methodist Church of that city. Shortly after his marriage he located at Braddock, Pa., where one year later his wife and infant son passed out of this life. He formed a second marital union with Esther Kremer of Uniontown, Pa., who died September 1, 1909, at the age of 59 years. Of their union were born the following children: Wilhelm, the subject of this sketch; and his twin, Margaret E., who is the wife of Thomas C. Farquhar; Alice Virginia, wife of Dr. Marcellus R. Meredith; Georgina, wife of William Alvin Allen; and Rachel A. George Alten died September 12, 1905.

Wilhelm F. Alten was eight years of age when his parents came to Monongahela City, where he attended the public schools and graduated from the High School with the class of 1891, after which he took a commercial course at Duff's Business College. After completing his education he was employed as a bookkeeper at Connellsville, Pa., and in 1893 became associated with the James C. Lindsay Hardware Company of Pittsburg. After spending three years in the store, he was for ten years a traveling salesman for the same house, and in March, 1906, opened his present office in Monongahela City, where he has established a fine real estate and general insurance business.

Mr. Alten is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order, being a Past Master of Henry M. Phillips Lodge, No. 337, F. and A. M., a member of Monongahela Chapter,

No. 249, R. A. M.; is Eminent Commander of McKean Commandery, No. 80, Knights Templar, at Charleroi, and a member of Syria Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., at Pittsburg.

Mr. Alten was united in marriage in 1901 to Helena S. Hammond, second daughter of the late Dr. John D. and Maria A. Hammond, and they reside at No. 712 Chess street.

JOHN J. MARKEY, president and general manager of the National Wrought Iron Annealing Box Company, which was established about 15 years ago, was born September 13, 1864, in Wolverhampton, England, and when four years of age came to America with his parents, who settled in Indianapolis, Ind. Here he was reared and early in life was bound out by his parents with Sinker-Davis & Company, of Indianapolis, as a machinist blacksmith. He remained with that concern for four years, when he entered the employ of the Big Four Railroad at Urbana, Illinois, where for three years he was engaged in making locomotive frames. He then entered the Chicago & Eastern Railroad shops at Danville, Illinois, and while in their employ received a telegram from the Sinker-Davis Company asking him to take charge of their works at Indianapolis, in which capacity he served for three years, when he engaged in business for himself, establishing the Indianapolis Forge Works. In 1893 he established the National Wrought Iron Annealing Box Manufacturing Company at Anderson, for the manufacture of annealing boxes for tin plate and sheet mills and also galvanized baths. The plant in Washington was built in 1908. He is the patentee of the annealing box, being the first man in this country to produce welded wrought iron boxes, both tin plate and sheet annealing boxes. They are now in use in every plant of consequence in the country.

On September 10, 1890, Mr. Markey married Hannah Redfern, who was born and reared in Indianapolis, and to them have been born the following children: John (deceased), Edward and Paul. Mr. Markey is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E.

JAMES JOHNSTON VAN EMAN, deceased, who was one of Canonsburg's prominent citizens for years, a leading business man and active in public affairs, was born in North Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1848, and died at his home on West College street, Canonsburg, April 18, 1909. His parents were Samuel Logan and Martha (McConnell) Van Eman.

The Van Eman family came originally from Holland, the first representatives who reached Pennsylvania being George Van Eman, who was born in Holland, a son of Nicholas Van Eman, September 12, 1753. He settled

as a pioneer in North Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., not far distant from the present town of Clokeyville. He married Rebecca Scott and they had the following children: Nicholas, George Scott, Jane, Andrew, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Joseph, Garrett, William, Sarah, Abraham and Hannah. In 1810 the father of this family moved to Stark County, Ohio.

Joseph Van Eman, son of George and Rebecca Van Eman, was born in North Strabane Township, December 12, 1790, and in the course of time acquired several farms in Cecil Township, one of these being situated where the Van Eman Station on the Chartiers Railroad is now located. He died on the latter farm and was survived by his widow, formerly Isabella Logan, and a family of children, one of whom, Samuel L., was the father of the late James Johnson Van Eman. Joseph Van Eman served as a director of the Poor for Washington County and frequently was appointed administrator and executor of estates, enjoying the fullest confidence of his fellow citizens.

Samuel Logan Van Eman was born in Cecil Township, Washington Co., Pa., July 20, 1816. On September 28, 1847, he married Martha McConnell, who was born in Cecil Township, in 1826, a daughter of James and Sarah (Phillips) McConnell. To Samuel and Martha McConnell were born children as follows: James Johnston; Belle M., who was born in 1850, married John N. Brown, a son of Rev. A. B. Brown, D. D., at one time president of Jefferson College; Sadie E., who married Samuel A. McCalmont of Houston; and Joseph Scott, the latter of whom died in infancy. Samuel Logan Van Eman died in 1891 and was survived five years by his widow. They were members of Center Presbyterian Church of Peters Township, in which he served for thirty-five years as a ruling elder. He was a man of sterling character and, like his father, was frequently entrusted with business pertaining to the settlement of estates.

James Johnston Van Eman was born on the old farm near Van Eman Station and his education was obtained in the common schools and at an academy at Elder's Ridge, in Indiana County, and he completed his literary studies by taking a course at Washington and Jefferson College at Washington. After leaving school he continued on his father's farm and as an individual enterprise, went into the business of buying and selling stock and continued until after his marriage, in 1871. Then he went into the mercantile business, opening a store at Thompsonville, in Peters Township, which he conducted for six years, when, on account of failing health, he returned to the farm. Five years later he again entered mercantile life, opening a store at Pittsburg, for the sale of agricultural implements, and continued the same for two years, and then came to Canonsburg and en-

barked here in the hardware business conducting it successfully up to the close of his life. The business is continued by his son, S. L. Van Eman, who had been the junior partner in the firm of J. J. Van Eman & Son. During his business period at Pittsburg he was a member of the firm of Brown, Gillespie & Van Eman, and when he removed to Canonsburg, the business style at first was Brown & Van Eman, in 1897 the change being made to J. J. Van Eman & Son.

James J. Van Eman married Miss Margaret S. Espy, who was born in Upper St. Clair Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., and is a daughter of John and Margaret (Smith) Espy. The Espy family is of Scotch extraction. To this marriage were born four sons and three daughters. John Espy, and Ernest, both died in 1895. The survivors of the family are: M. Etta, who is the wife of J. G. Hopper, a furniture dealer at Canonsburg; Samuel Logan, who succeeded his father as proprietor of the hardware business; Martha Maud, who resides with her mother at Canonsburg; Nellie E., who is the wife of Robert L. Grant, a merchant on E. Pike street, in partnership with J. F. Morgan, under name of Morgan & Grant, Canonsburg; and James Jay, who is a student in the Canonsburg High School. Mr. Van Eman was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church in which he was a ruling elder and superintendent of Sunday school since the organization of the church, a period covering twenty years, and is one of the original twenty-nine organizers of the church.

In his political views, Mr. Van Eman was a Republican. On many occasions he was invited to accept positions of trust and responsibility by his appreciative fellow citizens, and served as mayor of the city and also as president of the School Board. He was to some degree a capitalist, owning a large amount of valuable realty at Canonsburg, together with a fine farm of 140 acres situated in North Strabane Township, within two miles of this place.

JOHN W. HALLAM, whose place is among the foremost business men of Washington, Pa., being president of the Hallam Construction Company, president of the Gardner Steam and Gas Engine Company and vice president of the Union Trust Company, is a native of Washington, born Feb. 24, 1859, a son of Lewis and Rosanna (Tegarden) Hallam.

John W. Hallam's educational opportunities were meager and when only ten years of age he began to earn his own support by acting as a clerk in a clothing store, where he continued until he was 14 years of age. He then embarked in business for himself, starting a grocery store at Washington, and notwithstanding his youth he successfully conducted it for a period of three years and then sold out to advantage. He then spent



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a year in travel, in the South and West, gaining many new ideas during this time which later proved of benefit to him. When 20 years old he began contracting at Washington, securing a number of contracts for public improvements which the borough had in contemplation, and the successful and satisfactory manner in which he completed these laid a sound foundation upon which his present extensive business has been built. His specialty has been contracting in stone foundations, in paving and sewer construction. From its beginning up to the present time when it has assumed enormous proportions, the business has always been under the direct management of Mr. Hallam, although, at times, he has been associated with other practical men. When the Hallam Construction Company was organized, he was made president and general manager. This is one of the best known concerns in its line in Washington County and in adjacent counties it also presents a fine showing. Mr. Hallam has been financially interested in other business undertakings and is closely identified with their management. He is a man of notable public spirit and has done much to aid in the prosperity of the borough and has served as one of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and for a number of years served most usefully as a member of the borough Council.

On Feb. 25, 1887, Mr. Hallam was married to Miss Kate H. Brady, a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Brady, of Washington, and they have two children: Harold Herbert and Helen Estelle. In politics he is a Republican and he was elected to his first public office just after reaching his majority. In 1896 he was elected to the office of treasurer of Washington County, and served three years, during which time the new court house was under course of construction. He has frequently served as delegate to State conventions, and is a member of the Republican State Committee. He belongs to the Heptasophs and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Personally, Mr. Hallam is a man of sterling character and is notably temperate in all things. He takes a justifiable pride in the fact that he has never tasted liquor or indulged in tobacco in his life.

**SAMUEL H. PYLES**, manager of the D. G. Bamford Milling Company, at Midway, Pa., of which he is also a stockholder, was born at Midway, Washington Co., Pa., January 29, 1871, and is a son of Joshua and Nancy (Pyles) Pyles.

The parents of Mr. Pyles are both deceased. During his active years the father was a farmer but lived retired for some years before his death. He was a man of considerable prominence in Robeson Township where he served for fifteen years in the office of justice of the peace and was also tax collector. He married Nancy Pyles and of their children Samuel H. is the youngest.

the others being three daughters, namely: Helen, who is now deceased, was the wife of David Gray; Mary, who is the wife of Oliver Dyhar; and Laura, who is deceased.

Samuel H. Pyles secured academic training in the well known Ingleside Academy at McDonald and later took a commercial course in Duff's Business College at Pittsburgh and became so proficient that he was engaged as an instructor at the college, where he remained for eighteen months. He then returned to Midway and was book-keeper for the Midway Gas Company for four months and in 1894 came to the Bamford Milling Company in the same capacity. In 1905, when Mr. Bamford became president of the Midway Bank, Mr. Pyles, on account of his fidelity and business efficiency was appointed manager of the mill business and has been most satisfactory in this position ever since. The business shows a healthy growth and the improvements brought about by Mr. Pyles have added to the efficiency of the mill without increasing the outlay.

On October 25, 1893, Mr. Pyles was married to Miss Esther Thompson, a daughter of Russell and Martha (McCarty) Thompson. To Mr. and Mrs. Pyles six children have been born, all bearing pleasant names and living up to them as bright, intelligent, engaging young people: Myra, Wilma, Roland, Lyle, Helen and Miller. Mr. Pyles and family belong to the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is an independent thinker. Externally he is identified with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. and A. M., at McDonald, Pa.

**JOSEPH S. DANLEY**, who for the past six years has been living in retirement in Washington, Pennsylvania, owns a fine farm of 134 acres in Buffalo Township, and was for many years one of the leading farmers of Washington County. He was born in 1849 in East Finley Township, and is a son of William Danley, whose father emigrated to this country at an early period and was one of the pioneers of Washington County.

Joseph S. Danley was reared in his native township and obtained his education there and in Greene County, after which he located in Buffalo Township and embarked in farming and stock raising. Six years ago he built a fine residence at No. 496 Allison avenue, Washington, where he has since continued to reside, while he continues to look after his farming interests.

Mr. Danley was married in 1885 to Marietta Burroughs and their children are: Harry B., Thomas, Matilda, Joseph, and Mary. Mr. Danley and family attend the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington.

**J. A. RUSSELL**, who is engaged in business at South Burgettstown, Pa., conducting a meat market and a general store, is one of the representative citizens and is

serving as auditor of the borough. He was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 11, 1856, and is a son of Alexander and Margaret Ann (Atchinson) Russell.

J. A. Russell moved from Ohio to Mt. Pleasant Township in 1864, and remained on the farm until 1876, when he came to Burgettstown and assisted his father in the mercantile business until 1884, when he embarked in business for himself. From that date until 1904 he conducted a butchering business and dealt in first class meats and met with so much success that he was encouraged to broaden the scope of his business and added groceries, flour and feed to the commodities he handles. Mr. Russell has conducted his business along those lines which have attracted custom to him and he has proved that custom once honestly gained is seldom lost. He has seen Burgettstown develop along every line during his more than thirty years of residence here, and as an active and loyal citizen he has given support to the various movements which have contributed to the general welfare. In his political views he is a Republican and has served on the borough Council and school board for a number of terms, and on that ticket he was elected auditor of the borough.

In 1884, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Agnes J. Scott, a daughter of R. K. Scott, and they have four children: Frank M., who married Mary Smith, a daughter of James Smith, has one son, Wilfred B.; Lillian Etta, who married F. M. Welch; and Jennie Myrtle and Robert Alexander, both of whom are at home. Mr. Russell and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been treasurer for several years.

JOHN A. FLACK, one of Buffalo Township's prominent and enterprising citizens, president of the township school board and a leader in public matters, was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 19, 1869, and is a son of Salem and Margaret (Farrar) Flack.

Salem Flack was born in Ohio, in 1824, and died in Buffalo Township, Washington County, in 1903. He was a son of Samuel Flack, whom he accompanied from Ohio to Buffalo Township in infancy, the family bringing its belongings into what was then a wild region. The grandparents of John A. Flack died in Buffalo Township. Salem Flack married Margaret Farrar, who was born in Washington County, Pa., Sept. 15, 1833, and resides at Washington, where she still enjoys the society of her friends and continues in good health. Three of their children survive, namely: Samuel L. and John A., both of Buffalo Township; and Jennie A., who is the wife of R. W. Parkinson, a prominent attorney at Washington. One daughter, Sarah V., is deceased.

John A. Flack has resided in Buffalo Township all

his life, obtaining his education in the public schools and since attaining manhood having the management of a large property. He owns 145 acres of fine land and raises abundant crops, cattle and sheep, making a specialty of wool growing, keeping a flock of 150 head of a fine variety of sheep and making this industry very profitable. Mr. Flack is an active citizen, taking a deep interest particularly in the public schools. He has consented to serve on the school board for a number of years and the value of his advice and services have been acknowledged by his election to the presidency of this body. In politics he is a Republican and he has served also as inspector of elections in Buffalo Township.

Mr. Flack was married to Miss Elizabeth Ashbrook, who was born in Buffalo Township, a daughter of Simon Ashbrook, of Washington, and they have had five children: Nellie Margaret, Milton Luther and John Salem, who survive. Charles Ivan and a babe are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Flack are members of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which they were reared by pious parents.

JAMES S. FORSYTHE, secretary and treasurer of the Washington Brick Company, and owner of a farm of 250 acres in Amwell Township, is one of the representative citizens of Washington County. He was born in Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., in 1845 and obtained his education in the schools of Brownsville and Pittsburg. During the early part of his life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, but later embarked in the mercantile business at Redstone, Pa., where he was located until the spring of 1882. He then came to Washington County and bought his present farm in Amwell Township, where he resided for eight years, when he came to Washington and engaged for a time in the brokerage business. He was one of the organizers of the Washington Brick Company, of which he has been secretary and treasurer since its establishment, about nine years ago. He is a member of the board of directors and secretary and treasurer of the S. B. Reese Lumber Company, operating in Kentucky, and whose main office is located in Washington. Mr. Forsythe still retains his farm of 250 acres in Amwell Township.

In 1876 Mr. Forsythe was united in marriage with Mary E. Morton, a daughter of Rev. George Morton, now deceased, who was a Presbyterian minister of Philadelphia and of Scotch descent. Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe have four children, namely: Lilian S., a graduate of the Washington Seminary, and wife of Frank C. Lewis, of Washington; Jesse H., a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson College; Raymond D., a civil engineer working on the state roads, who graduated with the class

of 1907 at Washington and Jefferson College; and Robert N., a student. Mr. Forsythe is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID G. GRAY, the practical miller at the D. G. Bamford roller mills and a stockholder in the D. G. Bamford Milling Company at Midway, Pa., was born in Greene County, Pa., Nov. 29, 1864, and is a son of Thomas T. and Margaret (Vanata) Gray.

The parents of Mr. Gray reside at Cushman, Ohio, where the father is in the ice business. Of their children, David G. is the second born, the others being: George M., Willis, Archibald, Thomas and John.

David G. Gray attended school regularly until 14 years of age and then went to learn the milling business and has been connected with it ever since and is a thoroughly experienced man. He has been identified with the present company since 1884, working for six months as an oiler, then for seven years as assistant miller and ever since as chief miller. This plant is one of size and importance and its products find a ready sale over a wide territory. The equipments are modern in character and Mr. Gray is master of the technical part of the business and has experienced helpers, the result being the production of the finest grades of mill products.

In 1887, Mr. Gray was married (first) to Miss Helen Pyles, who died July 4, 1906, and her burial was in the Candor Cemetery. He was married (second) to Miss Isabel Herd, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Herd, retired residents of Midway. They have the following children: Margaret, Jean, Anna, John and Neil. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In his political views, Mr. Gray is a Prohibitionist.

JOHN B. DONALDSON, M. D., one of Washington County's leading physicians and surgeons, who has been actively engaged in practice at Canonsburg, Pa., for more than thirty years, was born in Marshall County, West Virginia, Aug. 1, 1848, and is a son of Dr. David and Ellen (Boyce) Donaldson.

The Donaldson family was founded in the United States at a very early day, when all this broad expanse of mighty country was looked upon by older civilizations as only colonies. From Ireland came David Donaldson, the great-grandfather, who is known to have settled in Maryland about 1751. From there he came to Washington County, remaining for a time at Gastonville, and then moved into Allegheny County, where he probably died. His son, William Donaldson, married Elizabeth Morrison and they both died in Allegheny County. In that county the late Dr. David Donaldson, father of Dr. John B., was born in 1820 and died in that county in 1883, at the age of sixty-three years. He married Ellen Boyce, who was

also born in Allegheny County and died in 1872, aged forty-five years. Her people came to America from North Ireland and died in Allegheny County, her parents being John and Elizabeth (McCabe) Boyce. Dr. David Donaldson was twice married. His children were: Annie, who is a teacher in the schools of Alabama; Ulysses, who resides at Bridgeville, Pa., a railroad man and also a dealer in real estate; William Robert and Henry, both of whom reside at Canonsburg; Mary, who married John Ralston, resides near Galveston, Tex.; Charles Cotter, who is engaged in newspaper work, and John B., of Canonsburg.

John B. Donaldson was educated in the common schools, at Bethel Academy and the Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated from the medical department of that institution in 1872. He located for one year at Mt. Lebanon and then moved to Bridgeville, where he practiced medicine for five years. In 1878 he came to Canonsburg and ever since has been identified not only with the professional life of the place but has become one of the interested and useful citizens. He has taken a prominent part in the medical affairs of Washington County, for several years serving as secretary of the county organization, and belongs also to the State and to the American Medical Associations. In his political views he is a Republican. His earnestness and activity as a citizen have been frequently recognized and he has many times been elected to important civic offices, serving as burgess and as a member of the council, and also on the School Board. During 1889-1890 he was a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, where he proved his quality as a public-spirited citizen. He has led a busy life and has had many responsibilities, but his clear record shows that he has been equal to any demand made upon him.

Dr. Donaldson was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Foster, of Bridgeville, who is a daughter of Walter and Maria (Sill) Foster, and they have had six children, as follows: Walter Foster, who is a graduate of the Northwestern University at Chicago, is a medical practitioner, residing at Pittsburg; Nellie Boyce, who married Paul C. Little, lives at Carnegie, Pa., and they have two daughters, Elizabeth and Helen; Maria, who died in 1906, was the wife of J. R. Dunn, an attorney at Pittsburg; John Paul, who is cashier of the Central Trust Company of Pittsburg, married Elsie Kelso, of Bellevue, and they have one son, John Paul, Jr.; Samuel Foster, a resident of Pittsburg, where he is connected with the city health department; and David Halsey, who is a member of the Class of 1910, in the Canonsburg High School. Dr. Donaldson owns a handsome residence at Canonsburg. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and he belongs also to Chartiers Lodge No. 297, F. & A. M., at Canonsburg.

R. W. MASON, purchasing agent for the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency, of Washington, was born Oct. 7, 1865, at Centerville, Washington County, Pa. When he was five years old his parents moved to Pittsburg, where they resided until 1876. They then came to Washington, where Mr. Mason was for a time cash boy for William Smith & Sons, bankers of this city. He then attended the old Union Schools of Washington for two years and subsequently became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company for about two years. He then became weighmaster in the coal office of V. Harding, which position he retained one year, at the end of which time he accepted a position as telegrapher with the B. & O. Railroad, with whom he remained three years. In January, 1886, Mr. Mason became identified with the Southwest Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company, with which he remained in various departments until October, 1902, when he was made purchasing agent for the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency.

On June 5, 1889, Mr. Mason was united in marriage with Nellie Wright, of Washington, Iowa, and they have three children — E. Wright Mason, district plant chief of the Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters at Monongahela City; Mabel J., a student in the Washington High School; and Robert W., also a student in the Washington High School.

Mr. Mason is a Republican in politics and was for three years a member of the school board, during which time he served one year as secretary of the board. He was for two years treasurer of The Washington Borough. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery and is past officer in all those bodies except the Council. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and Improved Order of Heptasophs.

R. A. RUSSELL, whose business is that of contracting carpenter, at South Burgettstown, to which place he came in 1893 with his family and who in 1907 erected his fine residence, is one of the leading business men in his line in this section. He was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1853.

Mr. Russell was brought to Washington County in boyhood and attended the Concord and Rankin schools in Mt. Pleasant Township, also a select school at Hickory and later Muskingum College. He then assisted his father on the farm and also learned the carpenter trade and later went into contracting.

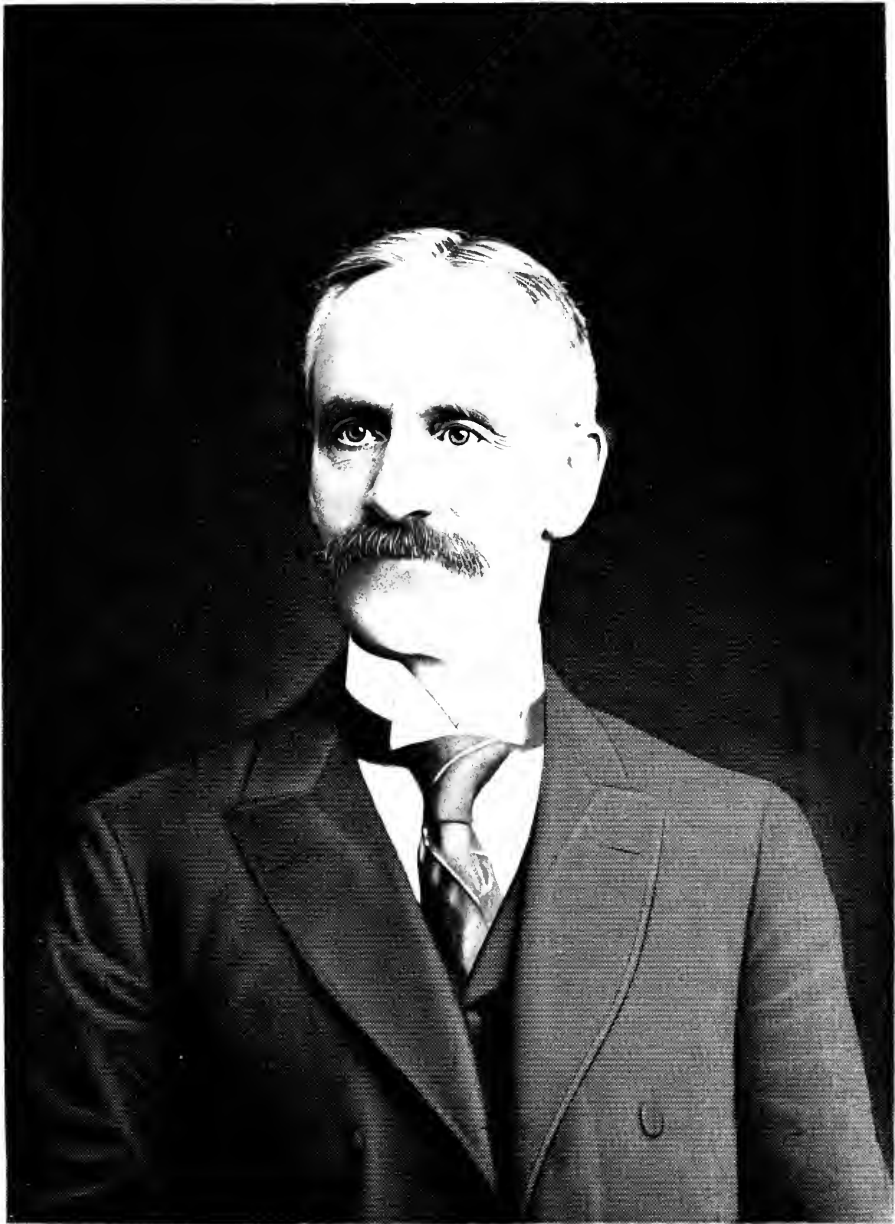
Mr. Russell was married in February, 1888, to Miss Agnes Jennie Welch, a daughter of M. R. Welch, and they have three children: John E., who is a student at Athens University, Athens, Ohio; Mary Belle, who is a student in the State Normal School at Slippery Rock;

and Wilda M., who attends the Burgettstown school. Mr. Russell and wife are members of the First United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican. He is an active and useful citizen, taking an interest in all that pertains to the general welfare of the town. He is serving in his sixth year as a member of the borough Council.

REV. THEODORE B. NOSS, Ph. D., deceased, although best known to the people at large as an educator, was also a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, an extensive traveler, an author of note, a philanthropist, a man with varied business interests kept well in hand, and was the largest property owner in the borough of California, Pa., which for years had been his chosen place of residence. The death of Dr. Noss, which occurred Feb. 28, 1909, was a distinct loss to the whole country and an almost irreparable one to his community, with the leading affairs and the higher life of which he was so closely identified.

Theodore Bland Noss was born on his father's farm near Waterloo, Juniata County, Pa., May 10, 1852, and his parents were George and Isabella Noss, and his grandfather, from whom he undoubtedly inherited his physical appearance and much of his perseverance and tenacity of purpose, was Rev. John Coulter, a noted preacher of the Presbyterian faith, who filled one charge for 30 years. When the parents of Mr. Noss moved from near Waterloo to a little settlement named later in honor of his father, Nossville, he was quite young, but was 18 years old when they removed to the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia. They had ten children, and two daughters and one son died in infancy. One son died of consumption, when aged 20 years, and a daughter, Mrs. Belle Goshorn, died in 1906. The survivors are: Mrs. Jennie Hoy, and Mrs. Rachel Lineburg, both of Montandon; Mrs. Annie Widney, of Lindon, Kas.; and Mrs. Clara H. Park, also of Montandon.

Theodore B. Noss was reared by a father who had very practical ideas and fixed beliefs that amounted to stern convictions. The boy worked faithfully on the farm and in the tannery, neither occupations affording him any mental stimulus, in fact being distasteful in the extreme. He was permitted to attend the little academy at Waterloo, when work was not pressing at home, but when he expressed a desire to enter some larger educational institution, he was offered no assistance by his father. This attitude, however, was largely due to the fact that an older son had died at school, when away from home, a victim of consumption, and the stern, but loving, father could not bring himself to send a second son to what he believed a similar fate. Thus Theodore pursued his studies and acquired his education under a handicap, but he was too large minded to blame his father and



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trusted to time and his own perseverance to accomplish his ends. The first money he earned was by teaching a country school across the State line, in Maryland, and this money he used to take a course in the Normal School at Shippensburg, Pa., and when it did not cover the total expense, it was his father who gave way and supplied the balance and enabled him to remain until he was graduated, he having apparently recognized his son's ability.

Immediately after graduation, Mr. Noss was appointed principal of the Shippensburg high school, which was then rated as one of the most advanced in the State, and after satisfactorily filling that position, he was called to Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport. There he taught more advanced studies and also continued his own in preparation for his entrance into Syracuse University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879. A portion of his time was devoted to his first trip to Europe. After graduating at the above university, from which he received his degree of A. M., in 1882, and of Ph. D., in 1884, he was invited by Prof. George P. Beard, then principal of the Southwestern State Normal School, at California, to accept a position as one of its instructors, which he accepted and very shortly afterward was made vice-principal and remained in authority here until 1882. Dr. Noss then accepted a call to what was then the Pittsburg Female College, but conditions were not congenial, and he returned to his former position in the Normal School. In the spring of 1883, Prof. George P. Beard resigned and Dr. Noss was immediately elected as his successor and he continued principal of the California, Pa., Normal School from that time until his death, devoting his time, his energy, often his means, to further his ideals in connection with this great school.

The life of Dr. Noss was one of continued usefulness but his death had many sad features. Apparently in the best of health, in company with his wife and several personal friends, Dr. Noss started to attend an educational meeting at Chicago, in which he was much interested. A slight chill developed soon after the party started and his illness grew as the journey continued, a condition that greatly alarmed Mrs. Noss, whose tender care had preserved his life in a similar attack, some two years previously. By the time the great city was reached he was seriously ill but was hastened to the Auditorium Hotel and the best medical skill summoned to his aid. Weakened tissues from his previous illness perhaps, could not be strengthened in time to save his life and ere few of his hundreds of friends and loving pupils knew that he was sick the announcement of his death was flashed to them. All through the funeral ceremonies, California was a city of sadness, grief was pictured on every countenance, men turned from their ordinary pursuits and little children were told that a good man had passed from earth. It is but fitting to mention that people of distinction in

different walks of life came to do honor to his memory and many of these accompanied the mourning family to his last resting place in the Monongahela Cemetery.

On May 17, 1883, Dr. Noss was united in marriage with Miss Mary Graham, and she survives with their two children: Mary, who was born March 20, 1886; and Theodore, who was born April 4, 1896. Mrs. Noss and daughter are at present members of the Normal School faculty. In 1889, Dr. and Mrs. Noss, with their little daughter spent six months in Europe and visited many interesting points. In 1893 they again went to Europe, with congenial friends, and together they pursued special studies at the University of Berlin and at Jena University. The third trip they took abroad together was during the school year of 1906-7, when they spent eight months as students in the Sorbonne University of Paris, concluding with a visit to the University of Heidelberg. Apparently at that time, Dr. Noss was just as eager for knowledge as was the farm boy of long before, propping up his school book before him on the plough or tan vat.

Dr. Noss was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a lay delegate to the General Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1896. He was an active member of the National Educational Association, a member of the National Educational Council also president of the Normal department of the same, in 1899. He was the author of a number of serious works, all more or less educational, which will perpetuate his fame as a literary man. In private life he was cultured, diplomatic, friendly, sympathetic and courteous. His interests at California included a directorship in the People's Bank.

JAMES HODGENS, deceased, who spent practically the whole of his long and useful life in the vicinity of Taylorstown, Pa., was born at that place, Sept. 29, 1829, and was a son of Isaac and Isabel (McCarrell) Hodgens.

The Hodgens family was one of the earliest to settle in Buffalo Township, Washington County, and generation after generation it prospered and sent forth sons and daughters who became respected members of society. The family originated in Ireland, the grandfather, Thomas Hodgens, coming to America from County Armagh, in 1807, then being a man of family, and in the spring of 1808, he bought a farm in Buffalo Township, near what is now Taylorstown, then but a scattered hamlet. He died in 1821. He was one of the founders of the Christian Church in this neighborhood.

Isaac Hodgens, son of Thomas, and father of the late James Hodgens, was born in County Armagh, in 1794, and accompanied his parents to America. He completed his education under a preceptor whose classes he had attended in Ireland, this being Alexander Campbell, who established what is now Bethany College, W. Va. Isaac

Hodgens had the startling experience of being carried off by a war ship that attacked the vessel in which the family was journeying to America, but subsequently was restored unharmed to his family. He was a man of unusual strength of mind, served some years as county commissioner, and for a time one of the associate judges of Washington County. A great admirer and follower of Andrew Jackson, he subscribed to that leader's political principles. His fellow citizens recognized his superiority and elected him to offices of the highest responsibility. He was active in the militia of early times, and reached the exalted rank of major general. In 1822 he married Isabella McCarrell, also of Irish extraction. They resided on the old homestead in Buffalo Township until 1835 and then moved into Taylorstown, but later purchased a farm that adjoined the village and there the remainder of their lives were spent. Isaac Hodgens died in 1860 and was survived 12 years by his widow. They had eleven children, the larger number of whom grew to maturity.

The late James Hodgens was given educational opportunities far beyond those afforded many of his associates, attending good schools and completing his studies at Jefferson College. He had shown a taste for mathematics and this aided in perfecting him in civil engineering and surveying. Later he gave a large portion of his time for some years to his profession and enjoyed it, but he also carried on large agricultural operations. His engineering work took him to other points and he was connected with railroad construction in Iowa, but later gave up contracts that would take him so far from home. He owned 260 acres of some of the best land in Buffalo Township and his farm was well stocked, his herds of cattle being Holsteins and Shorthorns; his stock of the highest grade throughout.

On Dec. 24, 1863, Mr. Hodgens was married to Miss Mary E. Farrar, who was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of Aaron and Jane (Griffith) Farrar. Mrs. Hodgens comes of Revolutionary stock. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Hodgens, James Farrar, had two brothers, John and Peter Farrar, who served in Washington's army and were killed at the battle of Long Island. Her grandparents, Andrew and Margaret (Moore) Farrar, crossed the Allegheny Mountains and came to Washington County, after the close of the Revolutionary War, settling in Mt. Pleasant Township, where they died about 1832. Their eighth son, Aaron, father of Mrs. Hodgens, was born in 1812, in Washington County, married Jane Griffith and they had five children, Mary E. being the fourth in order of birth. In 1845 the Farrars moved from Mt. Pleasant to Buffalo Township and purchased a farm near Taylorstown.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hodgens nine children were born

and the following survive: Thomas M., formerly a mining man and banker at Butte, Mont., now has headquarters at Indian Chase, Greenwich, Conn.; Maud E., who is the wife of Rev. D. P. Smith, formerly pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Pawnee City, Neb., and now pastor of the U. P. Church at Springfield, Mo.; Isaac W., who is a physician at Chicago, Ill.; James O., who was formerly a banker at Butte, Mont., is now interested in irrigation in Madison County, Mont.; Albert M., who is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, is a civil engineer by profession, and is a justice of the peace of Blaine Township; and Ralph M., who is interested in mines and irrigation projects at Butte, Mont. He was a soldier in the Philippine Islands and while in the service was once wounded in the arm by the savage islanders.

In his political views the late James Hodgens was a rigid Democrat and he exerted a wide influence. He served at times in township offices as his duties in other lines would permit, and for a considerable length of time was justice of the peace. He was a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church at Taylorstown.

J. J. DAVIN, manufacturer of and dealer in all kinds of drilling and fishing tools, with quarters near the Chartier depot, at Washington, Pa., leads the trade in this line, in the oil country. He was born in 1848 in Ireland and came to America a boy of 15 years.

Mr. Davin secured work in a tobacco factory at Brooklyn, N. Y., but after he had accumulated a little capital, he started out to seek a better business field, and in his travels reached Chicago, Ills. He remained there until 1868, but the rapid development of the Pennsylvania oil fields and the business opportunities offered on every side, led him to go to Oil Creek and he has been identified with the oil industry in some way ever since. He began the manufacture of tools and appliances required in the oil fields while still at Oil Creek, later moved his business to Bradford, and finally, in 1885, to Washington. He carries the largest stock of general drilling and fishing tools of modern design and improved patterns, also eordage, win lines, rubber bells and fillings, to be found in the oil country. In addition to this successful enterprise, Mr. Davin is interested in other prosperous concerns. In 1880 Mr. Davin was married in Canada to Miss Ellen A. Magner. They are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a charter member of the order of Elks at Washington.

Mr. Davin has shown his enterprising spirit by establishing a branch of his business at Sistersville, W. Va., where he has put a nephew, Mr. Magner, in charge. Through his enterprising spirit, his energy, industry and good judgment, Mr. Davin is numbered today with the representative business men of Washington.



FRANK KAMP, manager of the old Hopper homestead farm in Peters Township, Washington County, Pa., has 135 acres of land under cultivation and is numbered with the leading citizens and successful agriculturists of this section. He is a son of Michael Kamp, of Allegheny County. Mr. Kamp married Miss Mary Jane Hanna and they have one son and three daughters: Albert, Anna, Julia and Jennie.

James Hopper, grandfather of Mrs. Kamp and the founder of the Hopper family in Washington County, was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1788, and was a son of Robert Hopper. He learned the linen weaver's trade in early manhood. He married Jane Little, also of County Derry, and in 1849 he brought his family to America and they lived for one year at Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Hopper then bought a small farm on Brush Run, in Peters Township, Washington County, and there engaged in farming. In 1878 he purchased the present homestead and subsequently added to it until he owned 135 acres at the time of his death, which occurred Feb. 3, 1885, at the advanced age of 97 years. His wife died Feb. 12, 1879, aged 81 years. Mr. Hopper's mother was conceded to have been the oldest woman on record in Ireland, living to the remarkable age of 105 years. James and Jane Hopper were the parents of nine children, namely: Mary A., Arthur, James, Robert, Thomas and John, twins, Nancy, Eliza and Samuel. All of the children were born in Ireland and Eliza died there. Three of the children survive: Thomas, John and Samuel, these aged brothers being tenderly ministered to by Mr. and Mrs. Kamp, all residing on the old homestead. The eldest daughter, Mary A. Hopper, married Richard Hanna, of Pittsburg, who died Dec. 16, 1871, and she died on the homestead in September, 1895, leaving five children: Samuel H., James, Joseph, Thomas J. and Mary Jane, who is Mrs. Kamp. The family belongs to Center Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT H. BLACK, of the firm of Robert H. Black & Son, in marble and granite monumental work at Canonsburg, established this business in 1876 and it is the only concern of its kind in this place. Mr. Black was born at South Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., only a few rods from his present residence, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Manifold) Black.

James Black, the grandfather, was born in Adams County, Pa., and came very early to Washington County, where both he and wife died. They were interred at the Hill Church Cemetery, one mile south of Canonsburg. The grandparents had four sons and four daughters.

William Black, father of Robert H., was born in Washington County. In 1847 he purchased what was known as the College farm, on which South Canonsburg

is now located and both he and wife died there, his death occurring in 1866, when aged 64 years. He married Eleanor Manifold, who was born in 1804, in York County, Pa., and died in 1885, in Washington County, when aged 81 years. She belonged to a family of noted longevity, seven members of which averaged 82 years at date of death. To William and Eleanor Black ten children were born, Robert H. being the youngest of the family. The others were as follows: William, who lives in South Canonsburg, married Mary Bobout; Benjamin, who was killed during the Civil War at Gettysburg, was a member of Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf.; James, who never married, was a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Res. Corps and served through the Civil War, died at Rome, Ga., in 1907; George, who died on his farm near Washington, married Jane McNary; Richard, who is a resident of Canonsburg and now retired, married Flora White; Margaret, who became the wife of William Grimes, who died in Butler County, Pa., for more than 40 years a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Belmont County, Ohio, and Mrs. Grimes resides at Millersburg, Ohio, with their son, Rev. William Grimes, who is pastor of a church at that place; Mary, and two who died young. Mary Black married Rev. J. S. Barr, retired and living at New Wilmington, Lawrence County, Pa. At the time of marriage both were missionaries in India, where they spent 43 years and Mrs. Barr died at Sealkote, India. A son, J. D. Barr, is a member of the faculty of the New Wilmington College.

Robert H. Black attended school at Canonsburg until 18 years of age and then went to work on a farm and continued there until he went into the marble and granite business. The plant is now situated at No. 16 Central avenue, having been moved from beneath the Citizens Trust Company building. He is one of Canonsburg's old and reliable business men.

In 1878, Mr. Black was married to Miss Margaret White, a daughter of W. S. and Jane (Stewart) White. Mrs. Black was born near Hickory, in Mt. Pleasant Township, in Washington County, and died at Canonsburg in 1900. She was the beloved mother of the following children: Helen D., residing at home; Harry, a draughtsman, who resides at Toledo, Ohio, unmarried; John W., who is associated with his father in the monument business; Virginia, who died in 1904; and Mary E., Agnes, Jeanetta and Eleanor, all at home, the younger ones still attending school. Mr. Black and children attend the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. The family residence is an attractive one located at No. 305 South Chestnut street. In politics Mr. Black is a Republican and he has served acceptably as school director and also as Councilman.

J. W. PINAR, an extensive dealer in builders' supplies, coal and ice, is one of the leading young business men of Washington, where he has resided since 1905. He was born in 1875 in Chicago, Ill., but was reared and obtained his early schooling in Guthrie County, Iowa, later graduating with the Class of '97 from Iowa College at Grinnell, Iowa, when he received the degree of A. B. He subsequently took a post graduate course at the University of Chicago, and at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill., where he received a degree of A. M., after which he taught for four years in Illinois and Wisconsin. Mr. Pinar was engaged for a period of three years in the furniture business at Cincinnati, Ohio, after which he filled a position as traveling salesman for a brick concern of Pittsburg until 1905, when he purchased his present business in which he has since continued with well merited success.

In 1902 Mr. Pinar was united in marriage with Miss Emily Brooke, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a member and an elder of the Central Presbyterian Church of Washington, and fraternally has recently been elected for initiation in the I. O. O. F. lodge.

JONATHAN RANKIN, a retired farmer and one of the most respected residents of South Burgettstown, whose valuable farm of 245 acres is situated in Smith Township, Washington County, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Aug. 10, 1837, and is a son of James and Rachel Rankin. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters. The survivors are Jonathan and one of his two sisters.

Jonathan Rankin was reared in Fayette County, obtained his education there and for many years thereafter engaged in farming and in school teaching in his native county. In 1901 he purchased his valuable land in Smith Township and at that time took up his residence in South Burgettstown, where he has been numbered with the useful citizens ever since. He is a man of capital and is one of the stockholders in the First National Bank of Burgettstown. In politics Mr. Rankin has always been identified with the Democratic party, but he has never sought political office.

Mr. Rankin married Mrs. Rachel E. Murphy and they have five children, as follows: Laura Jane, who married A. B. Pearsol; Margaret, who married George Pearsol; Winnie L., who married J. K. Chalfant; Bessie, who married C. A. Rittenhouse, and Harry, who married Jessie Currey. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown.

AMBLER M. ELLIOTT, residing on his well cultivated farm, which contains more than 149 acres and is situated in Blaine Township, was born in Morris Town-

ship, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 10, 1863, and is a son of Valentine and Nancy (Dougal) Elliott.

Valentine Elliott was born in Morris Township and was a son of Jacob Elliott, one of the very early settlers in that region. Valentine Elliott was a farmer and stock raiser and was one of the useful and leading men of his township. He was a prominent Democrat and frequently had township offices tendered him and served as road superintendent and school director. His death occurred in February, 1906, when he was in his seventy-fourth year. His widow survives and lives comfortably at Claysville. Of their children the following survive: Relda P., widow of Robert Adams, resides at Claysville; Ambler M., of Blaine Township, and Perry S., of Denver, Colo. The father of these children was a valued member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of East Finley Township.

Ambler M. Elliott attended the public schools and was trained to an agricultural life on his father's farm. After his marriage in 1885 he engaged in farming in East Finley Township and then returned to Morris Township, later moved to a farm in Jackson Township, Greene County, and remained there for nine years, when he moved to Rich Hill Township, in the same county, where he resided until April, 1908, when he returned to Washington County and settled on his present farm, where he has carried on farming and stock raising ever since. He is an intelligent, progressive man, and makes use of modern methods and knowledge in his agricultural operations.

On Dec. 19, 1885, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Mary M. Johnson, a daughter of the late Nicholas Johnson, of Rich Hill Township, and they have two daughters: Ella S., who is the wife of William Huston, of Morris Township, Greene County, and Anna L., who is the wife of Harry Applegate, of Blaine Township, Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Applegate have a little daughter, Mary Jeannette.

In his political views Mr. Elliott is entirely independent. He keeps posted on current events, does his own thinking and casts his vote as his judgment dictates. He is more or less a self-made man and, like all such who have successfully made their own way in the world, possesses a large amount of that useful commodity, common sense.

JOHN WHITE MARTIN, of the dry goods firm of J. W. Martin & Sons, leading merchants at Canonsburg, was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 11, 1828, and is a son of James and Mary (White) Martin.

James Martin was born in York County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Peter and Mary (Adams) Martin.





JOHN A. DIXON

The greater part of his life was spent in South Strabane Township, Washington County, where he died when aged eighty-eight years. He married Mary White, who was born in North Strabane Township and died in South Strabane Township at the age of eighty years. Her parents were Samuel and Mary (Henderson) White and her maternal grandfather was Rev. Matthew Henderson, a pioneer preacher and the first pastor of what is now the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, serving from 1781 to 1795. To James and Mary Martin the following children were born: Peter, who married Mary J. Clokey, died in South Strabane Township; Samuel, who married Sarah Herron, died at what is now Smith's Mill, in North Strabane Township; James, who married Elizabeth Clokey; John W.; Matthew Adams, who died unmarried; Mary J., who died in early womanhood; Ebenezer Henderson, who was a soldier in the Civil War and a member of the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., was drowned while attempting to cross the James River, in Virginia, on horseback; William H., who died on the home farm near Washington, married Annie, daughter of James Thon; Elizabeth, who is the widow of George Davis, lives in South Strabane Township; Thomas J., who was accidentally killed by a fall from a haymow, and Ann Eliza, who died in childhood.

John White Martin, who has been identified with the dry goods business at Canonsburg for a period of fifty-one years, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest active merchant in the place. He was reared on the home farm, but early decided upon the study of medicine. In 1849 he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and shortly afterward began the reading of medical works under Dr. John Wishart and then attended medical lectures in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1853. He returned to Washington County and engaged in practice at Canonsburg until 1858, when he entered into the dry goods business, with which he has been so prominently connected ever since. For a number of years he remained alone and had already built up a large business before his younger sons were prepared to be taken into partnership. The present firm is made up of John White Martin, John C. Martin and Ralph Martin, the firm style being J. W. Martin & Sons.

In 1855 Dr. Martin was married to Miss Elizabeth Allison, who died in 1881 and was interred in beautiful Oak Springs Cemetery. Five children were born to this marriage, namely: James Allison, who died at the age of nineteen years; Charles Edwin, who has been connected with the Standard Oil Company since youth, has his home at Titusville, Pa., but spends a part of his time at Buffalo, Pittsburg and other points as the duties

of the position he fills require; John C., who is associated with his father, was educated in Canonsburg Academy; Ralph, who is a member of the firm of J. W. Martin & Sons, married a daughter of William Donaldson and they have one daughter, Mabelle, who is the wife of George Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have a daughter; and Mary, who is the wife of William Dickson. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson lost one child, but they have three—Aneita, Margaret and William.

Dr. Martin has always been an active citizen in the sense of supporting any proposition for the improving of the borough along well considered lines or advancing the permanent welfare of the people, but he has declined all public offices with the exception of membership on the School Board. He is one of the leading members of the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Session. For a number of years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He is a Republican in his political views.

JOHN N. DIXON, an honorary member of the board of trustees of the Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pa., was an active member of that board for more than thirty-five years, during all of which time he was president of same with the exception of two years. He was born March 16, 1824, on a farm just across the Monongahela River in Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Forsythe) Dixon. Nathan Dixon followed farming all his life and was also born and reared on the Dixon farm in Fayette County, which was land settled on by his father, John Dixon, a native of Chester County, Pa. Nathan Dixon died when our subject was a small child, leaving his widow with three children to rear, namely: John N.; Jane, who married James Elliott, died at the age of seventy years; and Ruth, deceased, who was an invalid during the greater part of her life.

John N. Dixon was reared on the home farm in Fayette County, and lived continuously for seventy-six years on part of the land originally purchased by his paternal grandfather, John Dixon. His maternal grandfather, Eli Forsythe, also owned a tract of 400 acres near the Dixon farm. Mr. Dixon has always followed farming and also dealt extensively in coal for some time, and has been highly successful in all his business ventures. In 1900 he sold his farm, consisting of 212 acres, and came to California, Pa., where he has since been living in retirement. Mr. Dixon is vice-president of the People's Bank of California, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church of California.

Dixon Hall, the fine new dormitory of the Southwestern State Normal School at California, which was erected at a cost of \$95,000, and completed during the

summer of 1908, was dedicated and named in honor of Mr. Dixon, who possesses to the fullest extent, the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

J. G. MARQUIS, a retired farmer and auctioneer, residing in his handsome residence at Burgettstown, formerly was engaged in farming in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa. He was born in that township May 9, 1843, and is a son of William and Lettice (Griffith) Marquis. The father died in 1855 and the mother in 1882. They were members of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and were buried in the cemetery attached to the same.

J. G. Marquis attended school through boyhood in Cross Creek Township and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits both before and after marriage. He was also a well known and popular auctioneer and cried sales in many parts of the county. In the spring of 1906 he retired to Burgettstown, where he is a valued citizen.

On Mar. 1, 1866, Mr. Marquis was married to Miss Clara A. McFarland, a daughter of Andrew and Mary McFarland, and eleven children were born to them, all of whom survive with the exception of the oldest, which died unnamed, and Amber G., whose death occurred in December, 1905. The others are: Mary L., Anna B., Orin K., Clara, Margaret A., Jannette G., Ella A., Elsie and William A. Mr. Marquis and family attend the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. In politics he is a Democrat and has served three years in the office of judge of elections. He is a stockholder in the Guardian Trust Company, of Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM PICKETT, general contractor and a representative business citizen of Washington, Pa., was born in this city, April 22, 1863, and is a son of John and Nora (O'Leary) Pickett.

The parents of Mr. Pickett, who were born in County Clare, Ireland, came to America in March, 1852, landing at Castle Garden, New York. The father secured work on what was then known as the Hempfield Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system, and then came to Washington County. He was found to be a faithful, reliable man and was given the position of watchman at the Baltimore & Ohio roundhouse, at Washington, which he held for 14 years. Later he served four terms as street commissioner at Washington. He married Nora O'Leary and they had eleven children, the survivors being: Thomas F., who is superintendent of Hazel Glass Factory No. 1; William; Peter and John H., both of whom are agents for the United States Express Company; Michael, who is with the Hazel Glass Works; Mary, who is employed at the United States Express office at Washington; Julia, a teacher in the public

schools; Catherine and Margaret, both of whom are at home; Anna, who is bookkeeper for the Real Estate Trust Bank; and Nellie, who is a teacher in the public schools.

William Pickett, with his brothers and sisters, was reared and educated at Washington. One of a large family, it was necessary for him to early assist his father, and later, through his own industry, he accumulated the capital with which he started into business in general contracting work. Beginning in a small way, by honest work, fair prices and punctuality he won some important contracts, which paved the way for others, until now he stands very near the head in his line of business at Washington, his work mainly being street grading, building and street railway contracts. He erected his own handsome home at No. 57 North Lincoln street.

In June, 1898, Mr. Pickett was married to Miss Mary Scanlon, of Steubenville, Ohio, and they are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Pickett is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Lodge at Washington.

JOHN SAWHILL, one of Blaine Township's leading citizens, who owns three farms, aggregating 370 acres, was born in this same section of Washington County, Pa., Aug. 10, 1835, and is a son of William and Jane (Lorimer) Sawhill, and a grandson of William Sawhill, the latter of whom was a pioneer settler in the county and ever since, his descendants have been owners of land, farmers and stock raisers in this vicinity.

William Sawhill, father of John Sawhill, died in Washington County in 1867. He was a well-known man and respected one and for many years enjoyed membership with the United Presbyterian Church in Buffalo Township. In his early years he was a Whig, but later became a Republican. He married Jane Lorimer and but two of their children survive: John and Sarah J., the latter of whom is the widow of J. R. Donaldson, formerly of East Finley Township. Mrs. Donaldson now resides at Claysville.

John Sawhill grew to manhood on the home farm and from youth has been accustomed to farm work of every kind. For many years he has made a specialty of the sheep industry and is one of the largest sheep raisers in Blaine Township, keeping from 200 to 300 head at a time. Although Mr. Sawhill had but few educational advantages in his youth he profited by those he had and is one of the well informed and intelligent men of this section. All of his land is valuable and he has the knowledge that enables him to cultivate every portion of it profitably. Mr. Sawhill is interested also in the National Bank at Claysville and ever since it was organized has been one of its directors.

On Jan. 4, 1864, Mr. Sawhill was married to Miss Jane B. Ziegler, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and

is a daughter of Abraham Ziegler, who moved from Lancaster County to Donegal Township in Washington County. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill ten children have been born and of these the following survive: Nettie, who is the wife of William Woodburn, of Washington; William L., who lives in Donegal Township; Elmer C., who lives in Pittsburg; Oscar H., who resides in Blaine Township; John M.; Ina M.; Sadie M., who is the wife of Ulysses G. Duvall, of West Pittsburg; Maud E.; Clara A., who is a successful teacher in Blaine Township; and Elizabeth, who is deceased. John M., Ina M., Maud E. and Clara A. reside on the old home place in Blaine Township.

Mr. Sawhill is a Republican in his political opinions. He has frequently been elected to public office in Blaine Township and has served most acceptably as school director and road supervisor, performing every duty to the best of his ability. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Taylorstown and for a long time served as a trustee of the same.

HENRY C. COOPER, a retired merchant of Eldersville, Pa., who was engaged in business here for 35 consecutive years, was born at Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pa., May 5, 1845, and is a son of Erasmus and Elizabeth (Patterson) Cooper.

James Patterson, the maternal grandfather, came from Ireland with his wife about 1793, and his oath of allegiance, now in possession of Henry C. Cooper, was made in 1794, and in 1814, he was made a citizen of this country, the naturalization papers being also now in the possession of Mr. Cooper. James Patterson and wife were parents of four sons and three daughters. He died when aged 92 years and his wife when aged 84 years.

Erasmus Cooper resided for a number of years on a farm near Bellevue, Pa., but after the death of his first wife, in 1846, moved to Maessillon, Ohio, where he kept a book store. Four sons were born to his first marriage: John, William, Robert P. and Henry C. At Maessillon, Erasmus Cooper was married to Mary Elizabeth Logan, and they had one child, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Bethel), who lives in California. When Erasmus Cooper later moved to Iowa with his second family, his two elder sons, John and William, accompanied him. At that time transportation facilities were poorly developed and Mr. Cooper and his family had to go down the river from Steubenville by boat to St. Louis and thence to Keokuk, Iowa, and from there drove across the country to a farm on which he settled and on which he lived until the time of his death, Nov. 4, 1856, and his burial was at Des Moines. His farm is now within the limits of that city. In politics he was a Whig.

Henry C. Cooper attended school at Eldersville and

Sharpsburg, and after gaining a little practical experience in the mercantile business, in 1867 embarked in the same with his brother, John, and they successfully carried it on until 1890, when the latter retired. The former continued the business alone for 12 years, but in 1902 sold out and also retired. He is a man of ample fortune, being one of the stockholders in the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, Pa., the owner of considerable town property and also the owner of his grandfather Patterson's farm of 191 acres, which has never been out of the family since 1797.

Mr. Cooper was married Dec. 18, 1889, to Miss Carrie Virginia McCarrell, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (McComb) McCarrell. Her grandfathers, Thomas McCarrell, Sr., and Capt. John McComb, were Revolutionary soldiers. Mr. Cooper was reared in the Protestant Methodist Church, of which he is an officer. Mrs. Cooper is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which her late father was an elder for a large part of his life.

WILLIAM W. LESLIE, general contractor, is one of Washington's enterprising business men and has lived in this city all but four years of his life. He was born at Monmouth, Ills., in 1875, and is a son of Peter and Agnes (Brownlee) Leslie.

The Leslie family is probably of Irish extraction. The father of Mr. Leslie, who died in 1908, was born near Xenia, Ohio. He married Agnes Brownlee, who was born in Washington County and was a member of one of the oldest county families.

William W. Leslie attended the Washington schools, having accompanied his parents here in 1879, and then learned the brick-laying trade and for ten years has been engaged in general contracting. In addition to building many other residences, in 1903 he erected his own fine home at No. 405 Addison avenue. In the same year he was married to Miss Sue Grimes, a daughter of Thomas Grimes, of Washington. They are members of the First United Presbyterian Church, Mr. Leslie being on its official board.

JOHN W. STEWART, deceased, was formerly one of Buffalo Township's best known and respected citizens. Born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., Nov. 3, 1847, he died Oct. 26, 1905, and was buried in the cemetery at Washington. His parents were John W. and Jane (McCall) Stewart.

The Stewart family is numbered with the old ones of Washington County and the name occurs again and again in the early records. It originated in Scotland, but the date of the coming of the first immigrant has not been preserved. Both parents of Mr. Stewart were born in Washington County.

John W. Stewart in his boyhood attended the district

schools near his home, but from early youth assisted in the operation of the home farm and became thoroughly acquainted with all the work\*that is required in order to make agriculture a successful business. He continued to farm and to raise fine cattle and stock during the entire period of his active life and when he was called away he left an ample estate to his surviving widow and his children. He was a consistent member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, of which he was also a trustee and was a man who not only professed to be a Christian, but led the life of one. He was a Republican in his political views, but sought no public offices.

On Oct. 11, 1877, John W. Stewart was married to Margaretta M. Caldwell, who was born in Hopewell Township, where she was also reared. She was educated in the public schools and at Washington Seminary, at Washington, Pa. Mrs. Stewart's parents were Robert S. and Caroline (Vance) Caldwell. Her father was a native of Hopewell Township and her mother of Cross Creek Township, both of Washington County, and her grandfathers had also been old residents of those sections. Robert S. Caldwell was a farmer and also raised many sheep, this industry for many years being one of the most profitable. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Buffalo Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had four children, namely: Robert V., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Monongahela City, Pa.; Irene McCall, who is the wife of Charles F. Young, of Nestor, Cal.; J. Lloyd, who lives in Buffalo Township; and Edna Margaretta, who also is at home and attending school. Mrs. Stewart is very active in the North Buffalo Presbyterian Church and is president of the Missionary Society. She continues to reside on the old Stewart farm, the old homestead, where she has spent many peaceful, happy years. In 1904, a fine new brick home, modern in its construction and improvements, was erected by Mr. Stewart, but he lived to enjoy it but a few months.

GLENN GEORGE HALLAM, a lifelong resident and for many years one of the prominent business men of Washington, Pa., who has retired from business activities, was born in 1855 in this city and is a son of John B. and Emma (Forrest) Hallam.

Joseph Hallam, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the pioneer settlers of Washington, where at an early period, which was during the days when the old prairie schooner was the mode of travel, he conducted a hotel for many years.

John B. Hallam, who followed wagon manufacturing throughout his active career, was born in Washington County, Pa., and died at the age of 74 years. He married Emma Forrest, and to them were born a family of

five sons and two daughters; Glenn G., the subject of this sketch; Clara, who died in infancy; Hugh B., deceased; Frank Forrest, who is a resident of McKeesport, a civil engineer by profession and is employed on the state roads; Alice M., the wife of Charles H. Spriggs, a wholesale grocer; John R., one of the leading photographers of Washington; and Forrest R., a resident of Belleville, Ills.

Glenn G. Hallam was reared and obtained his educational training in Washington, and early in life began learning the carriage-making trade with J. M. House, who failed in the business in 1871. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and afterwards embarked in the manufacture of brick for many years, later dealing in grain and builder's supplies for six years. Since that time he has been devoting his entire attention to his real estate business, which he has always carried on in connection with his other business enterprises.

Sept. 15, 1881, Mr. Hallam was joined in marriage with Eva McCollum, who was born in Washington, a daughter of Dennis McCollum, and of their union were born the following offspring: Ethel M., Emma B., Sarah, deceased; Glenna, deceased; and Paul McCollum Hallam. Mr. Hallam is religiously a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

CHARLES C. COATES, president of the Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Company of Mt. Pleasant Township, and station agent at Hickory, Pa., for the Wabash Railroad, has been identified with railroad work for a number of years and his office experience has been of a character to well qualify him for the position he fills. He was born at Plumer, Venango County, Pa., Aug. 14, 1872, and is a son of Frederick C. and Mary C. (Denny) Coates.

The father of Mr. Coates died Nov. 30, 1888, but the mother survives and resides at Custer City, Pa. Frederick C. Coates served 18 years on a German man-of-war. He was a carpenter and contractor after locating at Plumer, Pa. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was a German Lutheran.

Charles C. Coates attended school at Custer City and then entered Western Brooke College, at Olean, N. Y., and after completing a commercial course there, became manager of the Sewickley Valley Journal, a weekly society newspaper, at Sewickley, Pa., and was manager of the printing office there for some years. He also was a resident of Haysville, Pa., for some time and during that period was prominent in public affairs, serving one term as Burgess and one term as president of the Council, and also was a school director. He also was elected president of the Pennsylvania State Brass Band Association and during his year of service in this position,







CHARLES W. YARNALL, M.D.

he increased the membership of the organization from 980 to 2,210, a larger increase than was ever made before or since. He is an expert telegrapher and is a member of the order of Railroad Telegraph Operators. Mr. Coates was called to Hickory when the Wabash Company inaugurated its service here, in July, 1904. He has had many duties, including service as chief clerk for the superintendent and also for the roadmaster of the Wabash Railroad at Pittsburg. In politics he is an independent Republican. He was a member of the Council in the city of Pittsburg, also served on the Central Board of Education, being elected on an independent Democratic ticket. At present he is serving as a member of the school board of Mt. Pleasant Township.

On Dec. 8, 1900, Mr. Coates was married to Katherine Neelan, a daughter of Thomas Neelan, and they have one daughter, May D., who is attending school at Hickory. Mr. Coates is a Thirty-second degree Mason and he belongs also to the fraternal order of Heptasophs, the Royal Arcanum and other societies.

JOHN M. BURROUGHS, a representative citizen of Buffalo Township, who is now serving as a member of the township school board, devotes his estate of more than 125 acres to farming and stock raising, like his neighbors, giving a large amount of attention to sheep. He was born in Greene County, Pa., Dec. 10, 1862, and is a son of Talmage T. and Jane (Scott) Burroughs.

The father of Mr. Burroughs was born in Morris Township, Greene County, Pa., a son of Samuel Burroughs. The latter spent the larger portion of his life in his native county, but prior to his death, moved to Iowa. Talmage T. Burroughs married Jane Scott, who was born in Center Township, Greene County, and of their children the present survivors are: H. S., a physician practicing in the city of Pittsburg; Belle, wife of Frank Hedley, of Rich Hill Township, Greene County; Lottie, wife of Leroy Marsh, of Rich Hill Township; Ella, wife of Dr. T. N. Milligan, of Waynesburg, Pa.; John M.; James, who lives in Center Township, Greene County; and Bertha and William, both of whom live in Waynesburg.

John M. Burroughs has been a farmer all his mature life. He resided in his native county until 1907, when he came to his present valuable farm in Buffalo Township. It did not take him long to prove to his fellow citizens that a man of energy, experience and good judgment had settled among them and in the spring of 1909 they elected him a member of the school board for a term of three years.

On Oct. 15, 1887, Mr. Burroughs was married to Miss Emma F. Throckmorton, who was born in Center Township, Greene County, and is a daughter of James Throck-

morton. Two children have been born to them, Edna Belle and Etta Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs are members of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Democrat.

CHARLES WESLEY YARNALL, M.D., physician and surgeon, and specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Washington County, Pa., for two decades and has been located at California since 1899. He was born at Claysville, Pa., October 10, 1860, and is a son of Rev. J. V. and Elizabeth (Boggs) Yarnall.

The Yarnall name is an old one in the city of Philadelphia, and from there came the grandparents of Dr. Yarnall. The father of Dr. Yarnall was born in Ohio. He became a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church and according to the discipline of that church was transferred from one charge to another every three years. In that way his children attended school at different places, wherever the temporary home might be, all, however, during Dr. Yarnall's boyhood, being in Washington County, Pa. The latter became a student in the State Normal School at California, leaving in his senior year to enter Allegheny College at Meadville. For six years he was connected with the railway mail service between Pittsburg and New York. By that time he was prepared to gratify his cherished ambition of entering Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he was graduated April 3, 1889. He subsequently took a post-graduate course in 1899, in New York City. He settled first at Roscoe, Washington County, where he practiced for five years, moving then to Bellsville for five years more, after which he came to California. In large measure, Dr. Yarnall is a self-made man, providing for his own education by teaching school and otherwise, and is justly proud of the fact. He is deeply interested in his profession and keeps fully abreast with the times in all that concerns it. He was one of the first to install an X-Ray machine in his office, with other costly electrical apparatus, in this section, and makes a specialty of their use. He enjoys the confidence of a large clientele and the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens in general.

Dr. Yarnall was married before coming to California, to Miss Allie Hopkins, who was born in West Pike Run, Washington County, and is a daughter of T. C. Hopkins. Dr. and Mrs. Yarnall have three children namely: Joseph Olan, a graduate of the State Normal School at California, who is now a student in the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, Pa.; Eva May, a graduate also of the State Normal School at California, who is a teacher in East Pike Run Township; and Audrey H., who is a student in the senior class in the California Normal School.

Dr. Yarnall is professionally identified with various medical and scientific organizations and fraternally he belongs to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles and the order of the Moose.

DONALD G. WILKINSON, who fills a very important position, being engineer of the Pittsburg Coal Company, at Westland, Pa., was born in Scotland, Nov. 19, 1859, and is a son of George and Christina (Morrison) Wilkinson.

The mother of Mr. Wilkinson died in Scotland, but the father came to America and later resided at Westland and worked as a boss track-layer. Both of his two sons reside here, Donald G. and Andrew M., the latter of whom married Margaret Christie.

Donald G. Wilkinson came to America in February, 1887, hence his school days had all been spent in his native country. He landed in the United States at Philadelphia, and from there went to Clearfield and later to Westmoreland County. In April, 1890, he went from there to Stockdale, where he worked for one year, then to Morewood for eight months, to Uniontown for nine years, to Buflington for one year and from there came to Westland and accepted his present position. He has thus had a large amount of experience as an engineer and is regarded as a safe and trusty employe, under all conditions. Mr. Wilkinson is one of the stockholders in the Farmers' National Bank at Hickory. In politics he is a Republican and he has served four years as a justice of the peace.

Mr. Wilkinson was married in Scotland to Miss Janet Stewart, whose parents were John and Mary Stewart. They attend the Presbyterian Church at Westland. Mr. Wilkinson is much interested in the Young Men's Christian Association at Washington and has been a member of that organization for three years, and he is identified also with the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Miners' Union.

M. W. LARKIN, who has been a resident of Washington for a period of 20 years, is interested in a number of business enterprises of this city and is one of the experienced and successful oil and gas operators of this section. He was born at Syracuse, N. Y., in 1864 and was only 13 years of age when he entered the oil fields of Butler County, Pa. Although a mere boy, he found plenty of work in the busy oil fields and soon began to gain a knowledge of the industry and to get practical experience. From Butler County he went to Venango County, and later to the McKean County oil fields, from there to Allegheny County, N. Y., and then to Pittsburg, where he became heavily interested in both oil and gas wells. He returned for a time to the Butler field and then visited the oil regions near Lima,

Ohio, after which he came to Washington, where he established a permanent home. At present he is operating in Lawrence and Crawford Counties, Illinois, has interests in Illinois and also in West Virginia and Ohio. The whole of his industrial career has been devoted to the oil and gas industry and this long experience has made him well qualified to pursue the business successfully.

In June, 1892, Mr. Larkin was married to Miss Adelia Connor, of East Brady, Clarion County, Pa., and they have four children, Mary, Edward, Martin and Katherine. Mr. Larkin and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is identified with the fraternal order of Maccabees.

FRANK W. DONALDSON, deceased, was once one of Buffalo Township's most respected citizens and successful business men. He was prominent in the affairs of the community in which he lived and when he passed from earthly life, on Oct. 9, 1900, he left behind the record of many kind deeds done and an honorable name along with a substantial estate. He was born in Mount Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., May 8, 1858, and was a son of Robert and Rachel (Walker) Donaldson, a grandson of Robert and a great-grandson of Isaac Donaldson, who was one of the first settlers in Mount Pleasant Township.

Frank W. Donaldson was reared in his native township and attended the district schools. His family was an agricultural one and he naturally became a farmer also and developed into an excellent one. He gave a large amount of attention to stock raising and made a specialty of growing sheep, and with his usual good judgment, made this industry a profitable one. After his marriage he lived for a short time in Buffalo village and then acquired and settled on what was known as the old Governor Ritner farm, on which the remainder of his life was passed. It comprises 150 acres of well improved land. In his political sentiments, Mr. Donaldson was a staunch Democrat, but he cared little for public office, consenting, however, to serve at times as a school director, when, on account of his good judgment and capacity, he was usually made secretary of the board. For many years he was a worthy and valued member of the North Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

On November 8, 1883, Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Annie F. Taggart, who was born in Canton Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a member of one of the oldest and most representative families of the county. Her parents were James and Margaret M. (McBride) Taggart, and her grandfather, James Taggart, settled in Washington County while the Indians were still numerous here. The father of Mrs. Donaldson was a leading citizen of Canton Township, held public

office there and successfully conducted large farming enterprises. He was a prominent member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church and was a member of the building committee when its new edifice was erected, being treasurer of the same. To James Taggart and wife the following children were born: James McBride, who lives in Hopewell Township; Annie F.; Archibald A., who lives in Canton Township; Urania B., who is the wife of Alexander Hamilton, of Hopewell Township; and Charles L., who lives in Canton Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson had five children born to them, as follows: Earl McBride, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Glassport, Pa.; Mabel V., who resides with her mother; James T. and Archibald McBride, both of whom reside at home, in Buffalo Township; and Robert, who is now deceased. Mrs. Donaldson is a member of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church and she has a pleasant social circle in the township, many members of which have known her during her entire married life.

W. J. SHIDLER, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Westland, Pa., was born near Seenery Hill, Washington County, Pa. His parents were Jacob and Sarah (Ward) Shidler.

W. J. Shidler enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, entering Co. H, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf. During his service he was once wounded. After he returned home he entered the medical department of the Western Pennsylvania University, at Pittsburg, where he graduated with the Class of 1903. After spending one year as an interne in the South Side Hospital, at Pittsburg, he came to Westland Feb. 22, 1904. He is a member of the Washington County and the Pennsylvania State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

On Sept. 30, 1908, Dr. Shidler was married to Miss Margaret Adella Couch, who is a granddaughter of the late Joseph Couch, of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. Dr. Shidler is a Republican and during 1908 was a member of the Republican County Committee.

JAMES P. EAGLESON, a well-known member of the Washington bar and a practitioner in all the courts of the State of Pennsylvania, is a member of one of the old Washington County families. He was born in 1869, in Canton Township, and is a son of A. S. Eagleson.

James P. Eagleson went from the country schools to Washington and Jefferson College and was graduated there in the Class of 1892. He at once registered as a student in the office of J. W. & A. Donnan and was admitted to the bar in January, 1896. He has been in continuous practice at Washington ever since and has taken part in a number of important cases, both in Washing-

ton County and in other parts of the state. He has never consented to be a candidate for any public office, but has worked loyally and effectively for his friends. He is financially interested in some local enterprise and is a stockholder and director in the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company. He is a member of fraternal organizations and is particularly prominent in the Masons and Elks, being a Knight Templar in the former body and holding the office of Past Exalted Ruler in the latter. He was the representative to the grand lodge held at Los Angeles, Cal., in 1909. Mr. Eagleson is a member of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

THE McKENNAN FAMILY—The Rev. William McKennan, of Scotch ancestry, emigrated from the North of Ireland about the year 1730 and settled in the State of Delaware.

He was for many years pastor of the White Clay Creek Congregation and also of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Del.

He married a Miss Wilson, of Winchester, Va., and died in 1809 at the age of 94 years.

His son, William McKennan, was born in Delaware in the year 1758 and prior to the Revolution was a merchant of Wilmington. In 1776 he entered the Continental Army as a lieutenant, afterwards being made captain. He served throughout the war and retired at its close with the rank of colonel. He was also a member of the "Society of the Cincinnati," an organization founded by the officers of the Revolution at the close of the war. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, a niece of Gov. Thomas McKean.

In the year 1797 Col. McKennan removed to Wellsburg, Va., afterwards residing for a time at West Middletown, Pa.

Upon the election of Gov. McKean he received the appointment of prothonotary of Washington County and removed to the county seat in 1801, where he died in 1810 from the effects of wounds received at the battle of Brandywine. He was also one of the early promoters and a trustee of Washington Academy and Washington College.

His children were William, John Thompson, Thomas McKean Thompson, David, James Wilson and one daughter, Anne.

John L. McKennan, the father of William B. McKennan, was born in Delaware and was educated at Washington Academy and Washington College. After graduating, he removed to Brownsville, Pa., where he engaged in business. He was also for many years cashier of the old Monongahela Bank of Brownsville. He married Harriet Bowman, a daughter of Jacob Bowman, who came from Hagerstown, Md., at an early day and served as postmaster during the latter part of

President Washington's administration. He was also prominent in the business interests of Brownsville.

The children of John L. McKennan were Isabella L., Elizabeth L., Mary S., Jacob B., Anne B., and William Bowman.

William B. McKennan was born in Brownsville, Pa., March 10, 1829. He was educated in the public schools of that town and later at Kenyon and Washington Colleges. After leaving school he engaged in farming pursuits, locating in Ashland County, Ohio, but returning to Washington County in 1853, and has since resided in North Franklin Township.

Mr. McKennan was married in 1854 to Miss Anna Quail, a daughter of David Quail, of Washington County; she died in 1857.

Mr. McKennan's second marriage was to Adeline D. Ramsey, a daughter of Benjamin Ramsey, who graduated at Washington College in 1833 and afterwards practiced law at Portsmouth, Ohio. His father came from Franklin County and located near Washington in 1803.

Mrs. McKennan's mother was a daughter of Philip Doddridge, of Wellsburg, Va., whose father, John Doddridge, of English descent, came from Maryland and was the first settler in Independence Township in 1773. Soon after he erected a defence from the Indians, which was known as "Doddridge Fort."

To Mr. and Mrs. McKennan five children have been born: John T., residing at home in North Franklin Township; Martha R., married to Joseph F. Moore, of Pittsburgh; Thomas R., of Greensburg, Pa.; B. R. and May S., at home in North Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. McKennan are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman.

In political sentiment he is a staunch Republican, and has served in some of the minor offices of the county.

S. M. ALLEN, postmaster at Primrose, Washington County, Pa., and the leading merchant of the village, was born in Hancock County, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1855, and is a son of D. G. and Sarah (McCandless) Allen, both of whom are deceased.

S. M. Allen first attended the district schools in Jefferson County, Ohio, and then entered college at Hopedale, in Harrison County, and also spent some time at an educational institution in Carroll County. He secured a teacher's certificate and for two years engaged in teaching in Jefferson County, and for eleven years after his marriage, resided on a farm in Carroll County, coming to Primrose in 1889, where he has resided ever since. For 15 years he was railroad agent for the P., C. & St. L. R. R. and for eleven years has been a merchant and postmaster. He was elected a justice of the peace shortly after coming here and is one of the best known men

in this part of the county, having been active in so many lines. He also has some oil interests in Mercer County, Pa., but is mainly concerned with affairs in Washington County.

Mr. Allen was married in Washington County Apr. 3, 1878, to Miss Sarah Ann Crawford, a daughter of Matthew Crawford, and they have four children: Cora, who is the wife of F. L. Bone, of Newark, Ohio; Grace, who is the wife of J. C. Strain, of Washington County; T. G., who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad; and Marie, who still goes to school. Mr. Allen and family attend the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He has been a Republican since he cast his first vote.

THOMAS R. HART, oil producer and one of the representative business men of Washington, Pa., was born in 1865 at Brady's Run, Armstrong County, Pa., a son of William J. and Elizabeth (Robertson) Hart. His parents were both natives of Scotland, the father coming to America with his parents when three years old, being for many years a contract driller in the oil fields. He died in 1887. The following children were born to the parents of our subject; James, deceased; Jennie, who married W. C. Hayes, of Dayton, Ohio; John, of Pittsburgh; William, a resident of Washington; Jeanette, the widow of Harry Templeton, residing in Washington; Guy, a resident of Washington; Thomas R., the subject of this sketch; Lilly, who lives in Washington; and Bessie, who married M. Day, of Washington.

Thomas R. Hart was reared in Armstrong County and early in life began working in the oil fields as a driller. He later became an operator and since coming to Washington in 1886, has been prominently identified with the development of oil in this county. He and his brother Guy now have 20 producing wells in operation in this county. Mr. Hart owns two fine residences in this city, both on West Chestnut, his residence number being 684 West Chestnut street.

In 1896 Mr. Hart was joined in marriage with Emma McDaniel, who is a daughter of A. J. McDaniel, a retired farmer of Washington. They have two children, Donald Robertson and Loyal Thomas.

ISAAC NEWTON MILLER, a representative and substantial citizen of Buffalo Township, who has resided on his present magnificent farm of 252 acres since March, 1859, here carries on large farming operations and raises cattle and sheep. He was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington Co., Pa., June 29, 1863, and is a son of John H. and Sarah A. (Hatfield) Miller.

The parents of Mr. Miller were both natives of Washington County. The father met an accidental death in May, 1900, on a west-bound passenger train on the





THOMAS PARRY



Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at the Taylorstown Station. At that time he was a resident of Washington County, Ohio, and his presence in Pennsylvania was as a visitor. He married a daughter of R. Hatfield, who, at one time resided near Amity, in Washington County. Six of their children survive, namely: Louisa, widow of Thomas Lynch, who lives in Ohio; Flora, who is the wife of Willard Starling, of Guernsey County, Ohio; Isaac Newton; John M., who resides at Knoxville, Tenn.; Sadie E., who is the wife of Joseph Reed, of Washington County, Ohio; and Della, who is the wife of James Lynch, of Washington County, Ohio.

Isaac Newton Miller was quite young when his parents moved from West Bethlehem Township to Morris Township, and he lived there, attending school whenever he could be spared from home, until he was 20 years old. He then went to live with John H. Van Kirk, a well-known citizen of South Franklin Township, with whom he remained for eleven years. During the first two winters there he attended what was known as the Dickerson school. Mr. Miller made the most of his opportunities, being thrown on his own resources when quite young. Through force of character, he grew to industrious, self-respecting manhood and won warm friends. Within a few years after reaching maturity he married Miss Elizabeth Miles, a daughter of the late Elijah Miles, of Buffalo Township, and six children have been born to them, Grace V., John H., Harry N., Ruth E., Henry C. and Ralph L. Mr. Miller is numbered with the substantial men of his township. He is a practical farmer and stock raiser and yearly has a large income from his well managed enterprises. He is a Republican in politics and has served acceptably as road supervisor and at all times is ready to do his part in township matters, as becomes a good citizen. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church at Claysville, in which he is an elder.

THOMAS PARRY, proprietor of the Parry Hotel, at Elrama, Pa., was born in England, May 10, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Caroline (Feridon) Parry.

The parents of Mr. Parry were English born and reared. The father was a miner and met his death in his native land. The mother subsequently married Alfred Townsend. She died at Charleroi, Pa., in 1907, aged 79 years. The family came to America in 1867, and Mr. Townsend died three months later. He left one child, Mary E., who first married Daniel Swaney and later became the wife of L. Dale. The parents of Mr. Parry had five children: Thomas, Herbert, William Henry, C. Samuel and Mary E., the two survivors being Thomas and C. Samuel.

Until he was nine years old, Thomas Parry was permitted to attend school but after that he had to work hard

in the mines. He was thirteen years of age when the family came to America and to Pennsylvania. The death of his step-father made it all the more necessary that he should keep at work, and for six years he labored in the Butler and Allegheny county mines, locating then at the Pleasant View mine in the latter county. There he and his mother bought a house and one acre of land and he kept this as his home while he worked in different mines in the surrounding neighborhood for five years. After he married he continued with his mother for a short time and then built a double house at Shire Oaks, with the intention of occupying a part of it, but changed his mind before he moved there. He then bought 12½ acres of land which had a log house, situated at Lobes Run, in Union Township, and lived there for eighteen years, in the meanwhile erecting a comfortable frame residence. He still owns that property. Later he built a hotel on the land at Shire Oaks where his double house stood and he conducted a licensed public house there for ten and one-half years, when he sold out all his property in that vicinity to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Parry then built his fine brick hotel at Elrama, in 1906, which is of modern construction, contains nineteen rooms, with conveniences. His reasonable rates of \$1.00 per day, 50 cents for lodging and 35 cents per meal, have met with the approval of the traveling public and he has the satisfaction of knowing that a guest once entertained at his hotel will be sure to endeavor to return. He is a business man of most excellent judgment and has acquired considerable property in Union Township, owning three dwellings besides his hotel at Elrama and the old Samuel Ineman farm containing 131 acres.

On July 4, 1879, Mr. Parry was married to Eliza Jane Edwards and the following children have been born to them: Caroline, who is deceased; Fannie, who was accidentally drowned at the age of sixteen years; Samuel and Thomas, who are associated in business with their father; Mildred, who married David Artley, has two children—Grace and Eliza Artley; Eliza Jane, Mary, George, John and Caroline, all of whom are at home; and Joseph and William, both of whom are deceased.

Mr. Parry is a Republican but he has never accepted any public office except that of school director, in which he served three years. He is identified with Monongahela Lodge, No. 337, F. and A. M., and Chapter No. 249; the Elrama Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 697, and the Parker's Ferry Encampment, No. 175, at Monongahela.

FREDERICK G. NASER, one of Washington's representative citizens, capably filling the important office of street commissioner, was born at Washington, Pa., January 17, 1847, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Naser) Naser.

The parents of Mr. Naser were born in Wurttemberg,

Germany. Frederick Naser came to Washington County Pa., about 1840 and for some forty years was a leading gardener here. He married Catherine Naser and to them were born eleven children, ten of whom still survive, eight being residents of Washington County, one of Dayton, Ohio, and one of the State of Washington. All are doing well, having been reared to habits of industry and frugality by excellent, hard-working parents.

Frederick G. Naser attended school in boyhood and helped his father in his gardening work until he started out for himself. He went into the teaming business and followed it more or less continuously for a quarter of a century, when he was elected to the office of street commissioner. After thus serving several years he moved out of the borough and then worked on the street car lines out of Washington, and he was the man who turned the first furrow in the ground where the Washington & Canonsburg Railroad was subsequently built. He also started the work on the Cherry Valley Railroad. In the spring of 1909 he was again elected street commissioner of Greater Washington, and is now efficiently performing the duties of that office. Mr. Naser owns property in Washington and built his own handsome residence at No. 503 North Main street.

In 1872, Mr. Naser was married to Miss Elizabeth I. Hall, who was born in Ohio. They have five children — James F., Robert R., Pearl, Elizabeth, and Charles Edward, all residing at home. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Naser is an Odd Fellow, belonging to both the subordinate lodge and the Encampment.

JACOB WEIRICH, a leading citizen of Buffalo Township, Washington Co., Pa., where he owns 150 acres of valuable land, is serving in his second year as a member of the School Board and is also treasurer of the School Tax Fund of Buffalo Township. It was in this township that he was born, May 24, 1860, son of Israel and Sarah (Thompson) Weirich, both of whom were born in Washington County.

Israel Weirich was born in Canton Township and was a son of Jacob Weirich, who was three years old when his parents brought him to Washington County, settling in that section which is now known as Franklin Township. This family originated in Germany and Jacob has been a favorite name in every generation. Israel Weirich died in April, 1908, when in his seventy-second year. He married Sarah Thompson, and of their children the following survive: Jacob; James E., who lives in St. Paul, Minn.; William R., who lives in Canton Township; Charles B., who is a resident of Philadelphia; Howard R., who lives in Minnesota; Henry W., who makes his home at Goldfield, Nevada; and Albert A., who lives in Canter Township. The father of the above family was

prominent in the public affairs of Canton Township during the larger part of his life. He served in numerous local offices, such as road commissioner and school director, and was highly considered for his honesty as well as efficiency. In his earlier years he was a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian Church in Buffalo Township and later served in the same capacity in the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington.

Jacob Weirich was two years old when his parents moved from Buffalo to Canton Township and there he grew to manhood. The township schools were rather superior ones and in them Mr. Weirich obtained a fair common school education. His entire business life has been taken up by agricultural activities and his main interests have been the careful tilling of his fields and the raising of fine stock. He has found it profitable to make a specialty of growing sheep and ordinarily has from 150 to 200 head.

Mr. Weirich married Miss Anna Logan, a daughter of Samuel Logan, of Buffalo Township, and they have four children: Ralph M., Harry R., Sarah H. and Esther H. The family attends the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church in which they are much valued, and Mr. Weirich is one of the church trustees. In politics, like his father, he is a strong Republican. His fellow citizens have demonstrated their confidence and esteem by electing him to offices of responsibility.

HARRY A. EATHERTON, superintendent of the Findlay Clay Pot Company, at Washington, and one of the stockholders and directors, is one of the city's most progressive and enterprising young business men. He was born in Putnam County, Ohio, in November, 1881.

Mr. Eatherton was mainly reared at Findlay, Ohio, where he obtained his education. He has been identified with the clay pot industry during the whole period of his business life, beginning as office boy in the Findlay Clay Pot Company, at Findlay. In December, 1901, he came to Washington and took charge of the office of the company here and was later made superintendent of the Washington plant.

Mr. Eatherton was married in December, 1903, to Miss Eunice V. Houser, who was born and reared in Ohio, and is a daughter of Rev. F. M. Houser, a minister of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eatherton have one son, Clarence Z. They are members of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and he is active in Sunday-school work. He is also interested greatly in the Y. M. C. A., and is a member of its board of directors at Washington.

FIELDING FRASHER, one of the leading architects and building contractors of Washington, who has been a resident of this city since 1898, was born Jan. 4, 1854,

in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and when about 18 years of age went to Pittsburg, where he served an apprenticeship in carpentering. After the death of his mother in 1876, he returned to the home farm in Fayette County, and worked at his trade until 1879, then went to Pittsburg and engaged in contracting and building and for the past 25 years has been engaged as an architect in connection with his general contract business. He came to Washington in 1898, where he has since continued his residence, and has erected many structures all through this section of the State, including the building for the Struthers Coal & Coke Company; a large building for the Pittsburg & Buffalo Coal Company of Canonsburg; the Thaddeus Stephens School building of Pittsburg; the Snowden building in Brownsville and was superintendent of construction of the Union Trust Co. building on 4th Ave. in Pittsburg, Pa., and numerous fine residences in this section of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Frasher was married Mar. 19, 1884, to Miss Octavia Jones, of Pittsburg, and they have two children: Jean W. Frasher, who graduated with honors from the Washington Seminary, is now engaged in teaching; and Earl Frasher, who was educated in Washington, and is at present with Rutan Russell, an architect of Pittsburg.

ROBERT M. EDWARDS, of the hardware firm of R. M. Edwards & Son, leading merchants in that line at Canonsburg, was born at St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1856, and is a son of William and Mary (Nolin) Edwards, the former of whom died in 1864.

Robert M. Edwards was left fatherless when but eight years old and was reared on a farm near St. Clairsville, where he attended school. On Mar. 1, 1874, he went to Wheeling and there entered the employ of McGee Bros., tinners and roofers, and remained with that firm for five years. In the spring of 1880, he embarked in business for himself at Union Port, Ohio, where he continued for six years and then went to Wellsburg, and from there, in August, 1886, came to Canonsburg. Here he accepted the position of foreman for J. J. Van Eman and later J. J. Van Eman & Son. In January, 1904, he went into business under the firm name of R. M. Edwards, and three years later, when he took his son into partnership, the style became as at present, R. M. Edwards & Son. This firm commands a very large trade, its territory being the surrounding towns, Washington Borough, and parts of Ohio and West Virginia. A full line of stoves and stove hardware is carried and hot air systems placed and roofing done.

In 1881, Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Elizabeth Rittenhouse, of Union Fort, Jefferson County, Ohio. Her parents were Thomas and Catherine Rittenhouse. They have one son, Clarence, who is his father's partner and resides at home. Mr. Edwards is a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to its official board. In politics he is a Republican but has never accepted any other office than school director. His beautiful home is situated at No. 336 West College street, Canonsburg.

JOHN M. DUNN, one of Washington's most public spirited citizens, for six years county commissioner of Washington County, and for a long period identified with real estate, oil and gas interests in this section, was born in Greene County, Pa., in 1857, and was brought to Washington County by his parents, when one year old.

John M. Dunn was reared to the age of seventeen years in the little hamlet now known as Dunn's Station, leaving the schools there to enter Waynesburg College. After completing his collegiate course he embarked in a mercantile business at Des Moines, Iowa. Three years later, when his father's health broke down, he was recalled to Washington County to assist his parent in closing up several estates of which the latter had charge, and to take over the management of the farm. Here he remained for several years, in the meanwhile dealing extensively in wool and stock. In 1895 he was elected chairman of the Republican County Vigilant Committee, and in the following year was elected a county commissioner of Washington County. Mr. Dunn proved a very valuable member of the board of commissioners and it was during his incumbency that the magnificent court house and jail were completed, there being no finer in the State. Since his term of office expired, Mr. Dunn has given his attention to the oil and gas industry and to dealing in realty. He was a member of the company that drilled the famous Finner Gusher, a well that produced 1600 barrels a day; also the Lohr well which produced more than 2000 barrels per day, as well as many other large producers located in Washington and Greene Counties, Pa., and in West Virginia.

In December, 1882, Mr. Dunn was married to Miss Anna Ross, of Jefferson, Greene County, and they have four children: Allan Ross, a civil engineer, who is with the Pennsylvania system and is located on the Logansport, Ind., Division, graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1906; Laura L., who is a graduate of the Washington Seminary; John H., who is a student in the Junior year at Washington and Jefferson; and Anna, who is a student in the Washington Seminary. Mr. Dunn and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican, but irrespective of this fact, he served for almost nine years as a member of the school board at Dunn's Station, a Democratic stronghold, and resigned to accept the office of county commissioner, carrying his township each time he was a candidate for the latter office. He has been foremost in all enterprises organized to better the

condition of the people of his community, and in no way was his genuine good will more definitely shown than in his donation of land to the city for park purposes. This led to other donations for the same object until now Washington has one of the finest natural parks in this section of the State. In generous spirit and with broad and enlightened views, Mr. Dunn has also contributed to churches, schools and charities.

JOSEPH H. UNDERWOOD, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank of Roscoe, Washington County, Pa., was born at Milesville, Allegheny Co., Pa., January 29, 1878, and is the youngest child of Joseph and Ellen (Roscoe) Underwood.

When but six weeks old, the parents of Mr. Underwood moved to California, Pa., where they resided for five years prior to coming to Roscoe. His education was secured in the local schools. His brother, Thomas J. Underwood, was the first agent appointed at the railroad station at Charleroi, and Joseph H. assisted there to some extent and also around his father's mines and finally was permitted to go on the boats belonging to his father's company, and make the voyage to New Orleans, and he remained two years on the river, after which he took a business course at Curry University, Pittsburgh, Pa., after a short time again at the mines he entered the First National Bank at Monessen, which was then the Monessen National Bank. He served as assistant cashier there and came from there in 1901 to accept his present position with the First National Bank of Roscoe, succeeding the late Oliver Miller.

Mr. Underwood married Miss Mary Spahr, who is a daughter of Henry C. and Hannah R. Spahr. The Spahrs are old residents of Roscoe, which was formerly known as Lucyville, having been so named in honor of Mrs. Lucy Spahr, Mrs. Underwood's grandmother, while its present name was given it in honor of Mr. Underwood's own mother. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Underwood: Edwin Roscoe, Harriet Irene, and Mary Josephine. Mr. Underwood is a Knight Templar Mason and also a Shriner.

A. CLARK WARNE, a representative citizen of Washington, identified with a number of prospering enterprises, has been connected with financial institutions throughout his entire business career and occupies a prominent position as treasurer of the Washington Trust Company, at Washington, Pa. He was born in Nottingham Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1865, and is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Nicholls) Warne, and a grandson of Maj. James and Mary (Parkison) Warne.

Maj. James Warne, an officer of the Pennsylvania militia, and later distinguished in the War of 1812, was born in Forward Township, Allegheny Co., Pa., December

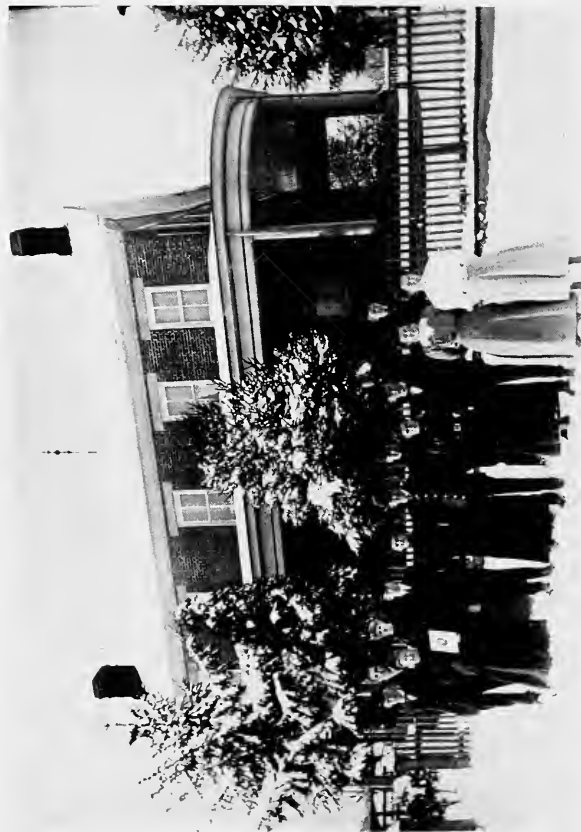
6, 1779, and died December 6, 1855. He attended the schools of Forward Township and later an academy at Uniontown. Subsequently he came to Washington County and accepted a position as clerk in a store at what was then Parkison's Ferry, but is now Monongahela. Later he became interested in boating, boat-building and trading and his activities reached as far as New Orleans.

Maj. Warne was thirty-two years old, in 1811, when he was commissioned, by Gov. Samuel Snyder, a captain of light infantry in the 2nd Battalion, 53rd Pa. Militia. In the following year the governor accepted this regiment for service in the war with Great Britain then impending, and Captain Warne served in that official position until September 25, 1812, when he was commissioned major of the 1st Battery in the 3rd Regiment, commanded by Col. Snyder, and with that rank continued to serve until his honorable discharge, December 31, 1812. He rendered faithful and efficient services and won merited honors.

After his return home, Maj. Warne, in association with his brother-in-law, William Parkison, built a glass factory, which was the first enterprise of its kind at Monongahela City, or Williamsport, as the place was then called. The two business men were interested together in other concerns and conducted a general merchandise business until 1825. After that Maj. Warne engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and resided on his farm, to which he gave the suggestive name of "Eden," until his death. The court records of his day show how frequently he was called upon to serve as administrator and executor but there are none available to indicate the many times when he was called upon by his neighbors to advise and adjust differences.

In 1805, Maj. Warne was married to Mary Parkison, who was the only daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Weaver) Parkison. The Parkisons, like the Warnes, were of English extraction. Joseph Parkison was born in 1740, near Carlisle, Pa., where he married Margaret Weaver, and this brought into the family a strain of thrifty, sturdy old Dutch stock. They had three sons and one daughter: James, David, William and Mary. Joseph Parkison came to what is now Monongahela City about 1768 and became a very prominent and useful citizen. He was one of the first named justices of the peace in the county, and some time between 1792 and 1796, he laid out Monongahela City. He built the first ferry, which was named in his honor, and at this point the first postoffice in this region was established. He was the patentee of the greater part of the land on which Monongahela City now stands, and for many years he conducted an inn as well as his store and ferry. To Maj. James Warne and wife were born the following children: Ammuzette, Margaret, Joseph P., James, David, Mary, Susan, Hiram and Eliza J.





MR. AND MRS. ELLSWORTH JACKSON AND FAMILY

Hiram Warne, father of A. Clark Warne, was born in what is now Monongahela City, Washington Co., Pa., February 16, 1822. He was a small boy when his parents moved into the county and his education was acquired in the schools of the neighborhood. His subsequent success in life could not be attributed to any early advantages, but rather to his natural abilities which were brought into active play by his indomitable energy and perseverance. On December 2, 1856, he was married to Elizabeth Nicholls, a daughter of James and Rebecca (Devore) Nicholls, of Allegheny County, Pa. After their marriage they resided for a time on a farm in Somerset Township, but later moved to Nottingham Township and finally to their present home on the National Road just west of Washington. He was identified with the growth and improvement of different sections of Washington County and up to the time of his death, in 1896, was a man of influence in his community. He was a member of and an elder in the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington. His children, seven in number, bore the following names: James C., Flora R., William W., A. Clark, Boyd E., Howard F., and Mary Etta May.

A. Clark Warne was reared in Washington County and was educated in the public schools and at Washington and Jefferson College, being a member of the class of 1885. Upon the closing of his collegiate course, Mr. Warne turned his attention to business and entered the Citizens' National Bank at McKeesport, remaining with that institution for six years. He then became cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank at Washington and remained there until 1901 when it was absorbed by the Washington Trust Company, a corporation organized through his efforts and of which he has been treasurer ever since. He was one of the building committee during the erection of the Washington Trust building, a notable structure at Washington. In his political views he is a Republican, religiously he is a Presbyterian, being a member of the Third Presbyterian Church. He is a Knight Templar Mason.

ELLSWORTH JACKSON, one of Washington County's representative and substantial citizens and a member of one of its oldest pioneer families, carries on general farming, owning ninety acres in Hanover Township, where he lives, and 126 acres situated in Smith Township. He was born in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., about two miles distant from his present farm, May 24, 1854, and is a son of Andrew and Sarah (Campbell) Jackson.

Andrew Jackson, father of Ellsworth, was born in Hanover Township, Washington County, and was a son of Edward and Rebecca Jackson, and a grandson of Joseph Jackson, who was one of the first white settlers in this part of the county. Andrew Jackson married

Sarah Campbell, who was born in Smith Township, Washington County, and was a daughter of Launcelot and Margaret Campbell. To Andrew Jackson and his wife were born two children: Margaret Sylvia and Ellsworth. The former married Jonathan Tucker, Jr., and both are now deceased, their burial being at Washington.

Ellsworth Jackson obtained his primary education in the district schools of Hanover Township, after which his parents placed him in a select school at Florence and from there he went to Frankfort, where he enjoyed academic training. Subsequently he took a commercial course at Duff's Business College at Pittsburg. Mr. Jackson has been interested in farming all his mature life and at present gives it all of his attention. He has, however, at different times been engaged in other lines of business and for a time was in partnership with a brother-in-law, at Burgettstown. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Burgettstown, in which he has ever since been a director. All of his 216 acres of farm land is valuable, much of it is well improved and on his Hanover Township farm he has six producing oil wells.

On October 17, 1877, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Mary Agnes Anderson, who is the eldest child of John and Margaret (Jackson) Anderson, the others being: William Albert, Joseph H., Anna Margaret and Harry. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have had eight children, as follows: Charles D., who met an accidental death at Denver, Col., was a physician; Vanie M., who is the wife of Fred S. Work, lives at Pittsburg; Anna Mand, who is the wife of Charles W. Hanlin, lives at Eldersville, Pa.; Eva May, who is the wife of Samuel Neely, lives in Hanover Township; Joseph Albert, who is a student at Duff's Business College, at Pittsburg; Andrew Roy, who assists his father; Laura Edna, and Oscar W., who are attending school at Florence. Mr. Jackson has given all his children educational advantages and several of them have been trained in the same institutions in which he himself was educated. Mr. Jackson and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. He is also secretary and treasurer of the church cemetery association. He was reared to believe in the principles of the Republican party, but has never sought any public office, and when his fellow citizens in the township have thought to honor him by appointment to the same, he has declined to serve.

ENEAS COULSON, proprietor of the Columbia Hotel of Donora, and one of the directors of the Bank of Donora, was born April 6, 1846, in England, and is the only child of William and Isabella (Marshall) Coulson, both of whom were born and died in England. The

father was a native of northern England and was a shaft contractor in the mining districts of that country.

Eneas Coulson was reared in England, where he later worked in the mines until 1879, when he brought his family to America, and located at Roscoe, Pa., in 1881, and moved to Courtney on a tract of timber land, and worked in the mines until 1901, when he came to Donora, and opened his present hotel, where he has met with much success. Mr. Coulson was married July 20, 1867, in England, to Mary Barnes, and they are the parents of the following children: Isabella, who is the wife of Alexander Gray, of Roscoe, Pa.; William, who married Mary Jane Gillie, of Courtney, Pa.; Thomas, who is a resident of Roscoe; Jennie, who married Jesse McClary, of Monongahela City; James, who married Allen Ann Gillie, of Courtney, and his twin, John, who is deceased; all of whom were born in England; Elizabeth, who is the wife of George A. Watkins, of Donora; George B., deceased; Robert, and Harry, all four born in this country. Mr. Coulson is identified with the Republican party in politics; has been a director of the Bank of Donora for the past three years; and is fraternally a member of the Masonic order, and the F. O. E.

R. C. BUCHANAN, a representative citizen of Washington, Pa., who conducts a real estate and insurance business at the corner of Jefferson and Wiley streets, has been a resident of this city since 1901. He was born in 1864, in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of David and a grandson of David Buchanan.

The first David Buchanan was one of the early pioneer settlers of Washington County, establishing his home here in 1823. His son, David Buchanan, was born in Independence Township, in 1829. The latter became a man of much substance, owning farming lands and engaging extensively in wool growing, frequently having as many as 900 head of sheep in his pastures at one time. He was prominent also in the public affairs of the county. He survived until 1901.

R. C. Buchanan attended the public schools in Independence Township, and Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, and later spent one year at Bethany College, West Virginia. He then turned his attention to farming and stock raising, particularly sheep, and continued as long as he remained on the farm, which he still owns. He has other interests and is a stockholder and secretary and treasurer of the Union Block Company. In addition to representing many of the leading insurance companies of the country, Mr. Buchanan handles a large amount of valuable realty and serves also as a notary public. In politics he is a Republican and at the recent primary election he was nominated for the office of director of the poor, by a majority of 740 votes, over four opponents. He has served acceptably as a member of the school

board, and has continually shown that he has the best interests of the city at heart.

Mr. Buchanan was married June 19, 1884, to Miss Clara Denny, of Independence Township, and they have six children, as follows: Fannie and Mary, both of whom are competent teachers; and Nellie, Hazel, Helen and Howard, all students. Mr. Buchanan and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the order of Modern Woodmen.

JAMES F. BLAYNEY, who is one of West Alexander's most respected retired residents, came to this pleasant borough in 1893 from his farm of ninety acres, which he still owns, situated in Ohio County, W. Va. Mr. Blayney was born in that county, October 24, 1831, and is a son of Charles and Nancy (Farris) Blayney.

Charles Blayney was born in Ireland and was twelve years old when his parents brought him to America and the family settled and remained in Ohio County, W. Va. There Charles Blayney was reared and in early manhood he married Nancy Farris, of that county. Their surviving children are: James F. and Mrs. Martha McDonald, widow of Rev. George McDonald, of West Alexander.

James F. Blayney obtained his education in the subscription schools in West Liberty District, Ohio County, of which he later in life became one of the school directors. He remained at home and helped his father until the latter's death in 1860, and continued to follow farming and stock raising for many years thereafter, but in 1893 he retired from hard labor and came to his present comfortable home in West Alexander. He has been a very useful citizen here, serving three years on the borough council and taking a deep interest in the growth and progress of the place and its institution.

Mr. Blayney was married (first) to Miss Margaret Atkinson, who was born and died in Ohio County. One of their two children survives, this being Dr. Charles Blayney, who is a prominent physician at Damascus, Ohio. Mr. Blayney was married (second) to Miss Linda R. Gilliland, who was born in Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Robert D. McCleery, of West Alexander. In his political views, Mr. Blayney is a Republican, his father having been a Whig. He is a leading member of the West Alexander Presbyterian Church, and since 1880 has been an elder in the same.

HOMER CRUMRINE, one of Washington's leading citizen's, an extensive dealer in real estate and engaged also in the insurance business, was born in Morris Township, Greene Co., Pa., in 1861, a son of William and a grandson of John Crumrine, the family being an old and representative one in the county.



John Crumrine was the founder of the family in Washington County, coming at an early day and bringing with him his habits of New Jersey thrift. He settled in West Bethlehem Township, where his son, William Crumrine, was born. The latter was a farmer in early life but later engaged in the mercantile business and for seventeen years he conducted a store at Lindley Mills. His death occurred in his native county, at Dunn's Station.

Homer Crumrine was quite small when his parents moved to Lindley Mills. He was reared and educated in the public schools of Washington County, after which he engaged in farming and stock raising and also did a large business in buying, selling and shipping horses, cattle and sheep. In 1902 he came to Washington and since then has given his time mainly to dealing in real estate, and in looking after his own large interests. He owns a fine farm in Harrison County, Ohio, considerable land in the vicinity of Washington, oil properties, and gold and copper mines in Arizona. He is president of the Arizona-Colorado Copper Belt and Gold Mining and Milling Company. Mr. Crumrine is a man of acknowledged business foresight and his undertakings generally succeed.

In 1884, Mr. Crumrine was married to Miss Fannie G. Dunn, a daughter of James M. Dunn, of Morris Township, Greene Co., Pa. To this marriage have been born the following children: Douetta; Wilmot, who is a student in the dental department of the Pittsburg University; Earl, who is a student in Washington and Jefferson College; James, who is likewise a student in this college; and Oma, Homer, Jr., and Fannie D. Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

JOHNSTON R. BOWERS, superintendent of the North Strabane Water Company, at Canonsburg, Pa., and a representative citizen, was born in the borough of Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., January 7, 1843, and is a son of George and Mary (Given) Bowers.

The father of Mr. Bowers was a tanner by trade and this he followed in Armstrong County, where he died in 1873, aged fifty-six years. The mother of Mr. Bowers survived for many years longer, her death taking place in 1901, when in her eighty-seventh year. They were parents of ten children, namely: Johnstone R., of Canonsburg; Naney, who is the widow of John Conard, resides at Wilkinsburg, in Allegheny County; Robert, who died in 1854; Henry, who resided in Armstrong County, died in 1905; Chambers, who is a resident of Kittanning; Mary, who died in 1878, was the wife of John Hare; Edward and George, twins, are both deceased; and Sarah, who is the wife of John Starr, resides at Parnassus, in Allegheny County.

Johnston R. Bowers attended the district schools for fourteen winters, in early youth, and then became a boatman on the Allegheny River and spent some years on the water prior to 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War then in progress. He became a member of the 14th Pa. Vol. Cav., under Col. James H. Schoonmaker, and served faithfully for three long years, participating in sixty-five battles of the war, including Gettysburg and Fisher's Hill. He was within forty feet of the gallant Gen. Philip Sheridan when he started on the famous ride through the Shenandoah Valley. For twenty months Mr. Bowers did scout duty, a very dangerous part of a soldier's work. He was ever at the post of duty, but was so favored by good fortune that he returned to his home practically unharmed. For several years following he worked in the oil refining business in Armstrong County. On February 2, 1872, he entered the service of the Kittanning Water Company, and has been in the business ever since, going from Kittanning to Butler, and from there to Warren, Pa., and then to Kane, Pa., from there to Indiana, Pa., and then to Washington, Pa., then to Monongahela City, later to Duquesne, Pa., and from there to Connellsville, and to Canonsburg in 1901. He was superintendent of the works while at Duquesne and has been superintendent ever since coming to Canonsburg. His many years of experience has made him a very valuable man in this particular line.

Mr. Bowers was married to Miss Ann V. Ogle, of Kittanning, Pa., a daughter of Banner Ogle, and they have had eight children, namely: Mary, who died at Warren, Pa.; Maud, who is the widow of William Morrison; Harriet, who is the wife of Thomas Lee, of Wilkinsburg; George, who is engineer at the water works pumping station at Canonsburg; Elsie, who is the wife of William Cocain, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Johnston R., who is employed at McKeesport, Pa., married Rose Bane; Susan, who is the wife of Carl H. Edwards, of Ravenswood, Va.; and Anna, who resides at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Bowers cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has never since voted with any but the Republican party.

RICHARD G. MILLER, a member of the law firm of Donnans, Brownson & Miller, leading attorneys at Washington, Pa., with offices at No. 63 South Main street, was born June 25, 1878, at Elizabeth, in Allegheny County, close to the Washington County line, and is a son of Rev. Charles W. Miller. Dr. Miller is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now living retired at Washington.

Richard G. Miller enjoyed the intellectual surroundings of a refined home through boyhood. He was carefully educated, attending the South Western State Normal

School at California, Ohio, and graduating with the class of 1894, later attending Mt. Union College at Alliance. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he took a partial course in law and then came to Washington, having previously registered in the office of Judge Taylor. Mr. Miller later entered the office of Donnans & Brownson, where he completed his studies and was admitted to the bar in 1906. He immediately entered into practice as a member of the above firm and has been qualified in both the Supreme and Superior Courts of the State.

In 1909, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Lucy Donnans, a daughter of Alvan Donnans, a leading attorney at Washington. Since early manhood he has been active in politics, always being identified with the Republican party. He has been secretary or assistant secretary of the Republican County Committee in 1904-5-6 and 1907 and in 1908 he was a member of the Republican Executive Committee and in 1909 was elected chairman of the Republican County Committee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially he is identified with the exclusive Bassett Club, of which he was president in 1908. He has personal, social and professional qualities of a high order.

J. WINFIELD REED, who has been vice president of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, since the organization in November, 1903, and since 1905 has been cashier, is interested in several other financial institutions in Washington County, of which he is a representative citizen. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 30, 1878, and is a son of J. M. K. and Mary P. (Tucker) Reed.

The father of Mr. Reed was one of Cross Creek Township's leading men. In his earlier years he taught school and later was an extensive farmer. For a quarter of a century he was a justice of the peace in Cross Creek Township, was frequently elected to local offices and was a man whose judgment and integrity were never questioned. In politics he was an old-time Democrat. His death occurred on Feb. 25, 1899, and his burial was in Cross Creek Cemetery. He married Mary P. Tucker, a daughter of David and Mary (Patton) Tucker. She survives and continues to reside on the old homestead in Cross Creek Township and still attends the Presbyterian Church, of which she and husband were early supporters.

J. Winfield Reed was educated in the Cross Creek Academy and later engaged in teaching school for about seven years and for nine years served as a justice of the peace in Cross Creek Township. He has many valuable investments and in addition to his interest in the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, is a

stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory and a stockholder and director in other institutions.

On Oct. 28, 1908, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Martha J. Vance, a daughter of Robert C. and Mary (McGough) Vance. He is a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. In politics, like his late father, he is a strong Democrat. He is a director of the Cross Creek Cemetery. Fraternally, Mr. Reed is identified with the leading organizations, belonging to Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, F. & A. M., and to Chartiers Commandery No. 78, Knights Templar, of Carnegie, Pa.; to Lodge No. 1154, Odd Fellows, of Burgettstown; and to Silver Cliff Lodge No. 300, Knights of Pythias.

MONTGOMERY J. ZAHNISER, secretary of the Washington Foundry and Manufacturing Company, one of Washington's successful industrial concerns, was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1868, and is a son of Michael Zahniser and a member of a family that has been prominent for years in the manufacturing line in Washington County.

Montgomery J. Zahniser remained in Mercer County until he had completed his school attendance and was nineteen year old when he came to Washington, where he learned the machinist trade with the firm of Fink & Zahniser, entering their works in 1887. Later he worked for two years in a machine shop at Waynesburg and then went to Pittsburg and for two years was with the Pittsburg Garage & Supply Company. After leaving the Pittsburg shops, he became a member of the firm of Zahniser & Sten, at Washington, and continued there until 1902, when, with his brother, M. R. Zahniser, he established the Washington Foundry and Manufacturing Company, its business being general foundry work. This company occupies two buildings, one being 100 feet square, and the other 30 by 60 feet, three stories high. Mr. Zahniser was married to Miss Minnie C. Caldwell, a daughter of Joseph Caldwell, and they have two children: Sarah and Margaret. Mr. Zahniser and wife are members of the Third Presbyterian Church, in which he is a deacon. He is a solid, reliable citizen but has never been particularly active in politics.

CHARLES DUFF JACKSON, M.D., was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., October 15, 1878, son of Ellsworth and Mary A. (Anderson) Jackson. He was a descendant in the fifth generation of Joseph Jackson, one of the first white settlers in the northern part of Washington County, the line of descent from Joseph being through Edward, whose wife's given name was Rebecca; Andrew, born in Hanover Township, who married Sarah Campbell of Smith Township; and Ellsworth, above mentioned, who married Mary Agnes



J. WINFIELD REED



Anderson, daughter of John and Margaret (Jackson) Anderson. Ellsworth Jackson is one of the substantial citizens of Hanover Township, where he is engaged in general farming, owning also 126 acres of farm land in Smith Township. The subject of this sketch began his education in the public schools, graduating April 4, 1896, and on April 27, 1897, he was graduated from Duff's Business College, of Pittsburg. About the following year he entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he remained as a student for two years. During his college days he won fame as an athlete, taking part in numerous sprinting contests with other colleges and never losing a race. He subsequently took up the study of medicine, and on May 27, 1904, was graduated from the Western Medical University, of Pittsburg. He then spent one year in the Shenango Valley Hospital at New Castle, Pa., receiving on July 1, 1905, a certificate recommending him as resident physician and surgeon. On October 3, 1905, he went before the State Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Colorado and was licensed to practice medicine. He spent a year in Mercy Hospital, Denver, and from that institution also received a certificate as a qualified resident physician and surgeon, being especially well qualified in surgery, for which he had a natural bent, and skill acquired by considerable experience.

On June 28, 1908, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Gertrude Shultz, of Pittsburg, Pa. Just one year later, on the anniversary of his marriage, he met with a fatal accident on the tramway and died the same day. His remains were brought home to Washington County and he was interred in the Florence Cemetery, July 3, 1909, amid profound expressions of sorrow from the many who had known him in his boyhood and student days. His burial was with full Masonic honors, he having been a member of the Masonic fraternity. He belonged also to the Odd Fellows and the Royal League. He had spent almost two years in medical and surgical practice in the city of Denver and was the youngest staff doctor in the State of Colorado. His untimely death cut short a promising career, but his memory will long abide in the hearts of all who knew him.

ISRAEL BRUNSON LINN, who is a leading citizen of Canonsburg and is agent at this place for the Chartiers Valley Railroad, was born at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, in November, 1852, and is a son of William and Maria (Thurston) Linn.

William Linn was born in Ohio in 1814, and died at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, in his ninety-first year, at that time being the most venerable resident of that section. In early life he followed the tailor's trade but later acquired a farm adjoining the town of Mt. Gilead. He was

twice married. The mother of Israel B. Linn was born in Ohio and died at Mt. Gilead in 1864, aged forty-three years. Their remains rest in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery. To his first marriage William Linn had three children, namely: Sylvester S., who is clerk for the Adams Express Company at Canonsburg; Israel B., subject of this record; and Clara Viola, who died in childhood. One child was born to his second marriage: Lewis Melville.

Israel Brunson Linn attended the public schools quite regularly until he was nineteen years old. In 1870 he went to Martinsville, Ill., where he learned telegraphing and remained there until 1873, and in the fall of that year became an operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and in the spring of 1874 was transferred to Washington, where he was detailed as operator and as assistant agent and remained there until the fall of 1877, when he was again transferred, this time coming to Canonsburg. He became freight and ticket agent and also agent for the Adams Express Company. He continued as telegraph operator, doing both railroad and commercial work until 1889, when he was released from the department of telegraphy and now attends to the agent's duties alone. He has witnessed the growth of this place, there being a population of only about 600 when he came to the key here, while the new census will give Canonsburg at least 7,500 names. From the days when Mr. Linn performed all the duties of every kind pertaining to the present office, business has so increased that twelve men are required for the same routine, and the revenue has grown from a few hundred dollars a month to many thousands. In all this long period, Mr. Linn has not been off duty on account of sickness but for one month. He has been an active citizen, ever ready to promote the town's best interests. He is a Republican in politics and during 1904 and 1905 he served in the town council.

Mr. Linn married Miss Flora Belle Curtis, of Martinsville, Ill., and they have three children: Nellie M., who is the wife of Willis O. Dunn, of Canonsburg; Mabelle C., who is the wife of Charles S. Donley, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Jessie May, who is a school girl. With his family, Mr. Linn belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal Church and he has filled nearly all the church offices. He is a member of the beneficiary order of Royal Arcanum.

R. G. LUTTON, one of Washington's most representative citizens, a member of the city council from the Second Ward, deputy sheriff of the county and part proprietor of the Pasture Dairy, a business enterprise of large proportions, belongs to one of the solid old county families, which has retained the old Lutton homestead

stituted in North Strabane Township, for 150 years. Mr. Lutton was born on that farm, in 1879, and is a son of Robert and Catherine (Hall) Lutton.

Robert Lutton was born also in North Strabane Township, Washington County, and he died there in 1881. He married Catherine Hall, who was a sister of Gen. John Hall, both now deceased. There were six children born to Robert Lutton and wife, there being two survivors: R. G. and Sarah, the latter of whom is the wife of Hon. C. E. Carothers, a prominent citizen of Washington and a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

R. G. Lutton was educated in the public schools of North Strabane Township, Washington and Jefferson College and Duff's Business College, at Pittsburg, and then returned to the farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until he came to Washington. Here, in association with C. E. and W. E. Carothers, he established the Pasteur Dairy which does an extensive business in mill and ice cream and is one of the scientifically conducted enterprises of this section. Mr. Lutton is a stockholder in the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company, and is a stockholder and director in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company. He has taken a very active interest in all public movements and is an influential Republican politician, for two years serving on the Republican County Committee and assisting in the direction of local matters. Mr. Lutton was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the old church of this body, Presbyterian Hill Church, near Canonsburg. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and an Elk, and he belongs also to the exclusive Bassett Club.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BENTLEY**, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Monongahela City, Pa., and a life-long resident of Washington County, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits, was also identified with other business interests during his later life, and was born December 28, 1821, on the old Bentley mill property in Carroll Township, and is a son of Hance and Francis (Wallace) Bentley.

Hance Bentley, the grandfather of our subject, who was a miller by trade, at a very early period came from Virginia to Washington County, Pa., in search of a suitable location for a mill, and spent his first night here camping in the woods on Piegon Creek in Somerset, now Carroll, Township, where he subsequently erected a log mill and a log cabin. The country was at that time entirely without cultivation, and was still inhabited by the Indians. Here he engaged in milling during the remainder of his life, and later erected two houses, the second one being a large stone building in which he was residing at the time of his death. Hance Bentley was the father of the following children: George; Hance,

father of our subject; Sache, and Hannah, who married Thomas Richardson.

Hance Bentley, was born in the old log house at Bentleyville, and there learned the miller's trade with his father, and subsequently built near Monongahela City on Mingo Creek, a mill, which is still standing, and was operated by him for many years. He was the owner of a tract of 360 acres between Mingo Creek and the Monongahela River, and after retiring from milling, gave the mill and 130 acres of land to his son William and daughter Hannah, after which he devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits, and died on the farm at an advanced age. He was united in marriage with Frances Wallace, whose death occurred at Monongahela City, and they reared the following children: Hannah, Elizabeth, Margaret, Amanda, Sache, Benjamin Franklin, and William.

Benjamin Franklin Bentley was three years old when his parents removed from the mill property in Carroll Township to the farm, and the event is well remembered by him, as he had greatly feared at the time that the movers had forgotten to bring a little wagon which had been made for him by some of the mill hands. He was reared on the farm, assisted in the clearing of the sugar camp, and before attaining his majority his father's death occurred, and the farm, consisting of 300 acres, was divided between him and his brother Sache. He remained on the farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, and for two years operated a coal mine on the land, after which he disposed of the land and came to Monongahela City, which was then but a small town, and here for a short time engaged in the grocery business. He also ran a livery stable for a limited period. For some years he has been living in retirement at No. 530 West Main street, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. Mr. Bentley is a Republican in politics and was the first mayor of Monongahela City elected on the Republican ticket. He has served in many public offices and is the only surviving member of the original fair board.

Mr. Bentley was married February 15, 1849, to Mary VanVoorhis, a daughter of Daniel VanVoorhis, and a granddaughter of Daniel VanVoorhis, who was an old sea captain and one of the early settlers of this county. No children were born of their union, but they reared a niece, Mary Eudora Caldwell, who was a daughter of Martha (Bentley) Caldwell. She married A. M. Walker and died September 12, 1876. During her younger days, Mrs. Bentley became quite an artist in oil paints, and without any instruction whatever has produced some very fine paintings, which, with some curios obtained by Mr. and Mrs. Bentley on their annual trips to the South, form quite an interesting collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are members of the First Baptist

tist Church of which he has been a deacon since the erection of the church.

B. E. McCracken, a member of the council of East Washington, and a representative member of the Washington County bar, was born at Washington, Pa., January 20, 1870, and is a son of M. L. A. McCracken.

The McCrackens are of Irish ancestry and the great-grandfather, Andrew McCracken, came to Pennsylvania from Ireland and, in 1793, took up the land in Amwell Township, Washington County, which his descendants still own. His son, Archibald McCracken, was born in 1798 on that farm, and in turn reared his family there. It was the birthplace of M. L. A. McCracken, in March, 1836. The latter became a distinguished member of the Washington County bar and a prominent citizen of Washington. In 1903 he removed to Missouri and since then has lived retired in a pleasant home not far distant from St. Louis.

B. E. McCracken completed his education at Washington and Jefferson College and then read law with his father, and on March 4, 1893, was admitted to the bar and later to practice in all the State courts of both Pennsylvania and Missouri, having spent nine months in the latter State. With the exception of that period, Mr. McCracken has lived continuously at Washington. For a time he was associated in practice with his father and later with G. P. Baker, but at present is alone. He ably sustains the reputation of the McCracken name in his profession, and is a member of the Washington County Bar Association.

On August 21, 1895, Mr. McCracken was married to Miss Mahelle A. McVaine, a daughter of James A. McVaine, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have three sons: William A., James A. and John H. Mrs. McCracken is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

In politics, Mr. McCracken is a Republican and in 1898 he served as chairman of the Republican County Committee. He is a very active and useful citizen and as a member of the council of East Washington, urges civic progress, and lends his influence to encourage all that is for the general welfare. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

JAMES E. HARDY, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, serving in his second term as a member of the council of South Canonsburg, and a prominent builder and contractor, is the senior member of the firm of Hardy & Rankin, which has high commercial standing in Washington County. He was born at Linden, in North Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., December 6, 1864, and is a son of George and Eliza (Hixon) Hardy.

George Hardy was born in the north of Ireland and

was a small boy when he was brought to America by his parents, James and Mary Hardy. They settled near where the Hardy school now stands in North Strabane Township, and there George Hardy grew to manhood and lived until his death, when aged sixty-six years. He married Eliza Hixon, a daughter of James and Catherine Hixon. Mrs. Hardy still survives and is in excellent health. She is now in her eighty-seventh year and puts some of her descendants to shame by being able to read without the use of spectacles. To George and Eliza Hardy three sons and two daughters were born, namely: Jesse Weller, who perished on the battle field during the Civil War, a member of the 85th Pa. Vol. Inf.; Daniel Barr, who resides near Snowden, Pa.; Mary Catherine, who is now deceased, was the wife of J. F. Welch, and is survived by five sons and one daughter; Elizabeth Jane, and James E.

James E. Hardy was educated in North Strabane Township and when eighteen years of age came to Canonsburg and learned his trade with M. L. Taylor, with whom he worked for four years. From here he went to Omaha, Neb., where he followed his trade for seven years. In 1893 he returned to Canonsburg, where he has been in business ever since. For ten years he worked in a planing mill, but for the last five years has been engaged in contracting. The firm of Hardy & Rankin built the high school at Linden; the J. P. McNary building; the handsome school building at McGovern, and a number of other substantial structures and also beautiful residences. Other school buildings which have attracted very favorable notice are those at White Lawn Terrace and the Henderson school building. One of the handsomest residences of Canonsburg, the home of Dr. Throckmorton, was erected by this firm.

In June, 1896, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Laurena Mary Alexander, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Morrison) Alexander, of South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, and they have two children: Velma Elizabeth and Donald James, aged eleven and seven years, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a steward and Sunday school teacher and is also a trustee.

In his political views Mr. Hardy is a Republican. He has been a resident here since 1893 and built his handsome house at No. 208 South Jefferson avenue in 1895.

R. H. MELOY, of the law firm of Underwood & Meloy, with offices in the Washington Trust building, Washington, is a well known member of the Washington bar and is identified with other interests. He was born in 1868, in Independence Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Robert Y. Meloy.

The grandfather of Mr. Meloy, John Meloy, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1804, and came to Wash-

ington County in 1816, as one of the early teachers. He became a man of large estate and of prominence in the county, serving in the State Legislature several terms and one term as county register of wills. He lived to be ninety-four years old, dying in 1898, surviving his son, Robert Y. The latter was born in 1828, in Washington County, and followed an agricultural life until his death, which occurred in 1887.

R. H. Meloy attended the county schools until prepared to enter Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1892. For several years he engaged in teaching school, from 1893 until 1897 serving as principal of the Canonsburg Academy, and during these years, by private study, prepared himself for the bar, to which he was admitted in 1898. He practiced alone until December 1, 1907, when he formed a law partnership with O. C. Underwood, which still continues. Mr. Meloy has been admitted to practice in all the State courts and is well known in many sections. He is a member of the board of directors in the Real Estate Trust Company. During his eleven years of residence at Washington, Mr. Meloy has proved himself a valuable citizen, and has identified himself with the progressive class.

In 1902, Mr. Meloy was married to Miss Sara Albright, of Steubenville, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Jane. They are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Bassett Club.

MRS. ELIZABETH COAKLEY, whose useful life has been entirely spent in Donegal Township, Washington Co., Pa., resides on her valuable farm of 107 acres, which is well improved and finely cultivated. She was born October 15, 1850, and is a daughter of John and Ann (Egan) Cain.

The father of Mrs. Coakley was born in Greene County, Pa., and her mother in Washington County. John Cain was six years old when his parents moved from Greene to Washington County. They were Thomas and Mary (Montague) Cain, both of whom were born in Ireland. Grandmother Cain was eight years old, when, in 1792, the Montague family came to America and her people settled in Donegal Township not far from Mrs. Coakley's present farm. The Montagues, the Cains and also the Coakleys are all familiar and respected names in this township. The father of Mrs. Coakley died February 15, 1905, having survived his wife since November 20, 1886. Of the children born to John Cain and wife there are five survivors, namely: Henry, who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Coakley, of Donegal Township; Rose, widow of William McCarthy, residing at Pittsburg; Thomas, residing in Nodaway County, Mo.;

and Anna M., widow of James Ryan, residing in Donegal Township.

After attending the public schools Elizabeth Cain took a course at St. Aloysius Academy, at Loretto, in Cambria County, and shortly after her return met, and on October 16, 1880, was married to the late James Coakley, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, July 5, 1850, and was a son of Daniel and Mary (Donovan) Coakley. His aged mother still survives, being now over seventy-five years of age, and lives in the old home in Ireland. In 1871, James Coakley came to America and for a short time lived at Wheeling, W. Va., and came from there to Washington County. Later he went to Guernsey County, Ohio, for a few years, and then returned to Washington County. His death occurred in Donegal Township, February 24, 1885, leaving his widow and three children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and affectionate father. Two of the children survive, Anna and James J., both residents of Donegal Township, the former of whom married Archibald B. Porter, and they have three children: Francis E., Louise B. and Joseph J. Catherine E., who is now deceased, married Henry Reger, and she is survived by one son, James H. Mrs. Coakley takes much interest in the welfare of these four grandchildren, and in turn is dearly beloved by them.

HON. C. EDWARD CAROTHERS, who is now serving most acceptably to his constituents, as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, from Washington, Pa., was born in 1860, in Westmoreland County, Pa., but was reared and educated in Fayette County.

In 1882, Mr. Carothers came to Washington County, where he has been extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. In association with his son, William E. Carothers, and R. G. Lutton, he established the Pasture Dairy Company, which has been developed into a large enterprise of this section. From early manhood Mr. Carothers has taken an active interest in public affairs and being eminently qualified for office, has frequently been chosen for responsible positions by his fellow citizens. He served one term as sheriff of Washington County, and in 1908 was elected a member of the General Assembly. In this connection he has given careful attention to many important matters, is serving on various committees and at all times keeps the best interests of his own section in view.

In 1884, Mr. Carothers was married to Miss Sarah J. Lutton, of Washington County, and they have three children: William E., Mary C. and Robert L. Mr. Carothers and family are members of the Chartiers Presbyterian Church.

HON. ERNEST F. ACHESON, prominent citizen and man of affairs of Washington, Pa., was formerly a





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member of the United States House of Representatives, in which body he served with marked distinction for a period of 14 years. He is president of The Observer Publishing Company and of the City Water Company, and is a director of the Citizens' National Bank.

Mr. Acheson was born on West Maiden street, Washington, Pa., Sept. 19, 1855, and is a son of Alexander W. Acheson, a distinguished member of the bar of Washington County. He was reared and educated in his native city and was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with the Class of 1875. He then pursued the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1877, immediately afterward becoming a member of the firm of A. W., M. C. and E. F. Acheson, of which his father was senior member. After some two years in practice he withdrew from that firm and on Oct. 17, 1879, purchased a half interest in the Washington Observer, the leading weekly newspaper of the county. In 1890, he established The Daily Observer, and in 1902 The Observer Publishing Company was organized with a capital stock of \$35,000. In the fall of the same year this company purchased The Reporter, which had been established as a weekly as early as 1808, and as a daily in 1876. After this purchase The Observer Publishing Company increased its capital stock to \$150,000, and built new quarters on leased ground. In addition to publishing two dailies, this company does an extensive jobbing business and its affairs are in a most thriving condition. Mr. Acheson has been president of this company since its inception in 1902.

In 1892, Mr. Acheson was defeated as the Republican nominee for Member of Congress from the 24th District of Pennsylvania, which comprised at that time Washington, Greene and Fayette Counties, the boroughs and townships of Allegheny County south of the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers and between the Youghiogheny and Monongahela Rivers, the city of McKeesport and the 38th Ward of Pittsburg. He was again a candidate in 1894 and was honored with election, and was re-elected in 1896, 1898 and 1900 from the district as above constituted. The census report for 1900 showed it to be one of the biggest congressional districts in the United States, with a population approximating 400,000, and it was redistricted to include Washington, Beaver and Lawrence Counties. Mr. Acheson was elected from the new district in 1902, and was re-elected in 1904 and in 1906. He served seven full terms in Congress and was esteemed by his colleagues as one of its most useful working members, serving efficiently on numerous important committees.

Mr. Acheson has been a member of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College since 1894; was a trustee of the California State Normal School;

a director of the Washington Board of Trade, of which he formerly was president; has been manager of the Washington Cemetery since 1893; is president of the Citizens' Water Company; and a director in the Citizens' National Bank. He was president of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association in 1893, and was secretary of the National Editorial Association one year.

Ernest F. Acheson was married Nov. 22, 1882, to Miss Jannie Bushfield Stewart and they have five children: Phoebe Stewart; Alexander Wilson, who is attending Harvard Law School; Elizabeth Scott; Janet Wishart and Martha Wishart. Religiously, they are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

WILLIAM MARSHALL AIKIN, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Canonsburg, has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, where for many years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Aikin was born on a farm near Bulger, in Smith Township, in 1832, and is a son of William and Margaret (Marshall) Aikin, natives of Smith and Cross Creek Townships, Washington County.

William Marshall, the maternal grandfather of William M. Aikin, came to Washington County when a mere boy and was once captured by the Indians but later was returned to his home. The grandfather on the paternal side was Joseph Aikin, and he resided near Bulger, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He had children as follows: Joseph; Martha, who married James Montgomery, a farmer of near Noblestown, Iowa, where both died; Nancy Cowan, a widow, now residing in Iowa; and William. The children of William Marshall were: Thomas and Stewart who died in Washington County; Louisa, who married John Duncan; Maria, who married a Mr. Gloss and removed to Ohio; Ruth; Ann, who married Thomas Wilson, of Cross Creek Township; and Margaret.

William Aikin was the owner of a farm near Bulger, where his accidental death occurred, when a tree fell upon him, and his wife died later of rheumatism of the heart. They were the parents of six children, namely: Nancy, who married and died in McDonald; Ann, who married David Manson, now deceased, and lives at Steubenville, Ohio; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Roseberry McCarthy, and resides at Carnegie, Pa.; Louisa Jane, wife of William McPeake, of Hickory; Joseph Wilson, who died some years ago in Burgettstown, leaving a widow, whose maiden name was Crawford, living in Washington County; and William Marshall.

William Marshall Aikin was reared on his father's

farm near Bulger, and after leaving home he rented land for nine years. He received one-sixth of the sixty acres of his father at the latter's death, and engaged in farming on his own account, which he followed throughout his active life, becoming very successful. He now owns a tract of 225 acres, the coal on which he sold for \$90 an acre, but he still owns the Freeport vein of coal, which is very valuable, and there are three gas wells on the property, which have paid well. In addition to farming, Mr. Aikin, for a number of years, was engaged in raising sheep, having at one time from 300 to 350 in his flocks. He has been a good manager, as is proven by his present comfortable competency, and he is proud of the fact that he has never spent one cent for whiskey or tobacco. In political matters he is a Republican. He attends the United Presbyterian Church, and contributed liberally toward the building of the Center Church at Midway and the Burgettstown Church.

Mr. Aikin was married to Lizzie Elder, a daughter of John Elder, who owned the steam mill at Midway for a number of years. Mrs. Aikin, who died about seven years ago, was the mother of two children: Annie, who married Elmer Leech, now resides with her father; and Mary Alice, who is deceased.

HARRY MCNELLY, one of Washington's leading citizens, serving in the city council from the Seventh Ward, is engaged in a general mercantile business at Nos. 1306-8 Jefferson avenue. He was born at Foxburg, Clarion Co., Pa., in 1872.

Mr. McNelly was reared and educated in Butler County and was there engaged in the oil fields until he came to Washington, in 1898. In September, 1900, he started into the restaurant business and in February, 1902, he bought the grocery store then located at his present stand and since has added to his stock until now he owns a general store, stocked with dry goods and notions, and deals also in meats. His stock is so large and so varied that a customer must be very difficult to please, if he cannot find what he desires at this place. Mr. McNelly is a member of the Retail Merchants' Association, of which he formerly was financial secretary. He is serving in his third year in the city council, representing the important Seventh Ward. He has made a success in the management of his own business and has gained the full confidence of his fellow citizens in his public efforts.

In 1895, Mr. McNelly was married to Miss Myrtle Daubenspeck, of Harmony, Butler Co., Pa., and they have had five children, namely: Emmett A., Loretta, Donald, Elizabeth and Mary Jane, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. McNelly and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

MRS. JANE M. RODGERS, whose valuable farm of 149 acres is situated in Donegal Township, Washington

Co., Pa., not far from the village of Vienna, is a lady widely known and universally respected and esteemed. She was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., November 5, 1833, and is a daughter of John and Julia A. (Jay) Marshman. Her father was born in Washington County, but her mother was a native of Virginia. The grandfather was Alexander Marshman, and the great-grandfather was Alexander Marshman, Sr.

Grandfather Alexander Marshman was a small boy when he accompanied his father from Maryland to Washington County, they being among the early settlers.

John Marshman, engaged in farming in his earlier married life and continued to make that his main business until 1851, when he turned his attention to carpenter work and coopering and continued at the same until within a short time of his death, which occurred December 24, 1880. During this time he lived in Chartiers, Franklin and Donegal townships. He was a man of fine character, a leading member of the United Brethren Church, in which he filled many official positions. Deeply opposed to slavery, he became an Abolitionist, and later identified himself with the Republican party. He married Julia A. Jay, who died August 24, 1882. Four children survive these dear parents: Mrs. Jane M. Rodgers, Mary, Thomas J. and Martha N., all residing in Donegal Township. Two are deceased: Elizabeth, who was the wife of Washington Snodgrass, died February 8, 1868; and Margaret, who died September 9, 1842.

Mrs. Rodgers attended what was known as the Jolly District School, in Franklin Township, in her girlhood. In 1859 she accompanied her parents when they moved to Donegal Township and since 1868 she has resided on her present farm, with the exception of a short period following the death of her husband, when she lived at Claysville. She was trained in housewifely arts by a careful mother, and on June 13, 1872, she was united in marriage with John Rodgers, who became one of Donegal Township's most valued citizens.

John Rodgers was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, October 31, 1813, and was a son of Charles and Susan (McMullen) Rodgers. They also were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. They came to America and to Washington County in 1817, locating in Donegal Township. The first wife of Charles Rodgers died in 1818, and he was married again in May, 1826, and settled on the farm which Mrs. Rodgers now owns, which has never since been out of the possession of the family. At this time the late John Rodgers was about thirteen years old and he grew to manhood here and attended the district schools. He had a very intelligent mind and throughout his life was fond of reading and at all times kept well posted on the current events of the day. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser and left an unincumbered estate

to his widow. His nature was kind, his manner genial and his presence was always welcomed in any gathering in his neighborhood. He died October 22, 1886, after two years of paralysis. Mrs. Rodgers has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Claysville since 1864.

ALEXANDER J. STEWART, secretary and treasurer of the Vester, Stewart & Russell Company, dealers in lumber and all kinds of mill work, located at Nos 51-61 South street, Washington, Pa., is a representative business man of this city. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1867, and is a son of Jacob Stewart.

The father of Mr. Stewart is a retired citizen of East Finley. He was born in 1833, in Greene County, Pa., and from there came to Washington County at the beginning of his business life. He embarked in the manufacture of healing salves and liniments and is the proprietor of a well known medicament, the Stewart salve.

Alexander J. Stewart was reared and educated in his native township. When sixteen years old he came to Washington and learned the carpenter trade and was with the firm of J. F. Vester & Son for seven years. He then entered into partnership with D. C. Vester and H. B. Russell and the business was conducted as Vester, Stewart & Russell until 1903, when it was incorporated under the style of Vester, Stewart & Russell Company.

A general contracting business is done in all kinds of mill work including the firm's specialties, and they maintain large lumber yards. Employment is given to a big force and the pay-roll is a feature that is of importance in considering the general prosperity.

In 1888, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Ida A. Sliffe, of Wheeling, W. Va., and they have one daughter, Dorothea S. Mr. Stewart and wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies at Washington, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council, and has passed all the chairs in the Washington lodge of Odd Fellows and ranks as colonel in the Patriarch order, at present being chief of staff for Gen. A. B. Andrews, State commander. Mr. Stewart has always been a progressive citizen and is a useful member of the Washington Board of Trade. He is treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania. He is serving in his second term as a member of the board of directors of The Widow and Orphans' Home, at Ben Avon, Pa.

LOUIS DE HAVEN DONALDSON, M. D., physician and surgeon at Canonsburg, Pa., was born at St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa., August 24, 1873, and is a son of

Joseph B. and Maria M. (Adams) Donaldson, both of old families of this section of Pennsylvania.

The Donaldson family is of Scotch origin and the name has been a familiar one in the annals of Canonsburg for generations. The great-great-grandfather, James Donaldson, was born in Midholm, Scotland, November 17, 1756, and died at Canonsburg, Pa., April 4, 1842. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and in 1798 made the burial casket for John Canon, the founder of Canonsburg. John Donaldson, the great-grandfather, was born in March, 1784, a native of Earlstown, County Roxborough, Scotland, and he accompanied his parents and two brothers to America between 1794 and 1798. Robert Donaldson, son of John, was born at Canonsburg, where he died November 11, 1871, aged 60 years. He married Sarah Brown, who was born March 9, 1813, and died February 27, 1893.

To Robert and Sarah (Brown) Donaldson were born the following children: Mary, who married James R. Patton, died in 1905, aged sixty-nine years; John, who married Sarah Cook, resides at Canonsburg; Jane, who married C. R. McCloy, survives him and resides at Canonsburg; William, who resides at Fort Wayne, Ind., married Annie Ferguson; Joseph, who is the father of Dr. Donaldson; Robert, who is engaged in farming in Peters Township, married Catherine Weaver; Franklin, who resides at Canonsburg, married Emma Armstrong; Ellen, who is the wife of John J. Miller, resides at Canonsburg; George, who resides at Canonsburg, married Mary Hollister; and Harry, who married Ella Porter, of McKeesport.

Joseph B. Donaldson, father of Dr. Donaldson, was born at Canonsburg, December 15, 1845, and died April 1, 1907. After completing his school course at Canonsburg he went to Clarion County and was engaged in the drug business there from 1869 until 1874, when he moved to Carnegie and from there, in the spring of 1876, returned to Canonsburg and started a drug store in this city which he continued to conduct until the close of his life. On October 30, 1872, he was married to Miss Maria M. Adams, who still survives. She was born in Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of James M. and Susan (Waldron) Adams, the latter of whom still survives being now in her eighty-ninth year. Her people, the Waldrons, came to America from Holland in 1647, and her father was with Perry's squadron in the War of 1812. James M. Adams died in May, 1898, aged seventy-nine years. He conducted a store and was postmaster at Venice, Pa., prior to 1868, when he retired to Canonsburg. To James M. Adams and wife nine children were born: Maria M., mother of Dr. Donaldson; one that died in infancy; John, a resident of Cleveland; Thomas H., a resident of Indianapolis; Albert, a resident of Alle-

gheny City; Abraham A., residing at Canonsburg; James, residing in the West; Emma, wife of Rev. J. H. Ralston, a Presbyterian minister; and Annetta, wife of A. A. Rowe, of Canonsburg.

To Joseph B. Donaldson and wife the following named children were born: Louis De Haven, who is in successful medical practice at Canonsburg; Mary, who is the wife of Edgar Leitzell, of Johnstown, Pa.; Susan; and Laurence, who is in the employ of the Pittsburg Coal Company as assistant bookkeeper.

Louis D. Donaldson attended the common and high school as well as Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg and later Washington and Jefferson College at Washington. In the fall of 1895 he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and was graduated from that noted institution in the Class of 1899. In the following year he entered into practice and has been located at Canonsburg ever since. Dr. Donaldson is a member of the Washington County and the Pennsylvania State Medical organizations. He was married to Miss Olive Alexander, who died May 1, 1907. She was a lady of attractive personality and many virtues. Her father, U. D. Alexander, was a resident of Chicago. Three children survive her: Alexander, Margaret and Louis.

GEORGE T. HALLAM, one of Washington's representative citizens, who, for eighteen years has been a member of the city council, has been identified with the Hallam Construction Company as superintendent, ever since this important business concern was organized. He was born at Washington, Pa., December 25, 1850, and is a son of Lewis and a grandson of Joseph Hallam. Joseph Hallam established the family in Washington and was one of the pioneer hotel keepers here. Lewis Hallam was born at Washington and for many years conducted a blacksmith business.

George T. Hallam was reared and educated at Washington and then learned the blacksmith business in his father's shop and worked at that trade for fifteen years. When the Hallam Construction Company was organized he became superintendent and in that position has been concerned in a large amount of construction work, including street and road building, excavating and stone work, the territory covered being all this section of the State. A particularly fine piece of work was the brick paving on some of Washington's main streets.

In 1877, Mr. Hallam was married to Miss Jennie McBride, who is a daughter of Wilham McBride, of Washington, and they have two children: Bessie, who is the wife of Charles N. Zahniser, of Washington; and Don, who assists his father.

JESSE ADDISON SPROWLS, M. D., president of the Bank of Donora, and one of the prominent phy-

sicians of Donora, Pa., was born on a farm in West Finley Township, and is a son of Clinton and Anna Mary (Wallace) Sprowls, and a grandson of Henry Sprowls, who located in West Finley Township at a very early period.

The Sprowls family was founded in West Finley Township at a very early period by seven brothers and two sisters, namely: William, Alexander, Henry, grandfather of subject; Arthur, James, John and Nelson. The sisters died early in life. Henry Sprowls was one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of the township. He married Mary Stollar of East Finley and reared a family of ten children: George, Clinton, Mary, Jemima, deceased; Elmira, Margaret, Daniel, Jeannette, Riley and Morgan. Clinton Sprowls was born in 1849 on the home farm in West Finley Township, where he lived until 1899, when he moved to Jefferson, Greene County, Pa., where he and his wife reside on the old Maj. McDowell homestead. He married Anna Mary Wallace and of their union were born the following offspring: Jesse Addison, the subject of this sketch; Nora, who is the wife of Charles Allum; Forest M.; Jennie L., who is the wife of J. K. Bush; James L.; Franklin L.; Eva, who is the wife of Samuel Nickles; John, Della, Stanley, Opal and Okal, twins.

Dr. J. Addison Sprowls received his educational training in the schools of West Finley Township, after which he taught school three years, and in 1893 entered the medical department of the University of Pittsburg, from which he graduated in 1896. He first located at Clarksville, Pa., where he spent five years in the practice of his profession, and in 1901 came to Donora, where he has since been located with offices at rooms 1 and 2 in the Postoffice Block. He is president of the Bank of Donora, of which he became a director in 1906, is second vice president of the Donora Light & Chemical Company, a director in the Donora Improvement Company and is a member of the Washington County Medical Society. Dr. Sprowls has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party, and served three years as chairman of the school board of which he is still a member. In fraternal circles he affiliates with the Masons.

On Nov. 26, 1896, Dr. Sprowls was united in marriage with Nora Sampson, a daughter of A. B. Sampson, and they have one daughter, Mary E., who was born Jan. 7, 1898.

JAMES C. EWING, a lawyer with offices in the Washington Trust Building, is one of the best known professional men of Washington, Pa., and is also identified with a number of commercial enterprises. He was born at West Liberty, W. Va., Jan. 31, 1860, and is a son of Dr. George C. Ewing, and a grandson of James Ewing.





C. M. LINDLY, M.D.



A brother of his grandfather, Maj. John H. Ewing, was a prominent early resident of Washington, Pa.

Dr. George C. Ewing was born in Fayette County, Pa., and attained much prestige there as a practitioner of medicine. Just prior to the Civil War he moved to West Liberty, W. Va., and during the war rendered valuable service to the Union cause as a surgeon in the 115th Pa. Vol. Inf. After leaving the service, he located at Uniontown, Fayette County, where he practiced until 1866, when he died of diphtheria contracted from one of his patients.

After his father's death, James C. Ewing was reared in the home of his paternal grandfather. In 1876 he entered the preparatory department of Washington and Jefferson College, in which institution he was enrolled five years. He was graduated in 1881, after which he entered the field of journalism on the staff of the Greensburg Press, with which publication he remained one year. He was then identified with Wallace's Monthly in New York City, a magazine of high standing at that period. In 1886, he returned to Washington, Pa., and registered as a law student in the offices of McCracken & McIlvaine. In the spring of 1887, he was admitted to the Washington County Bar and opened an office in Washington, where he has since been in continuous practice. As one of the most able counsellors at the bar, he represents many of the leading citizens and business concerns of this vicinity, and practices in all the courts, and is a member of the Washington County Bar Association. Mr. Ewing is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, with which he has been affiliated many years. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder some 20 years.

C. M. LINDLY, M.D., one of the representative citizens and leading physicians and surgeons of Washington, Pa., is a descendant of one of the earliest English families in America, as well as in Washington County.

Francis Lindly came from England about 1639, and settled in New Haven Colony, Conn., moved to, and became one of the founders of Newark, N. J., in 1666, and died about 1704. His son John, born about 1668, died October 27, 1749, was buried at Morristown, N. J., held several offices in Newark.

John Lindly, son of the preceding John Lindly, born about 1693, died March 9, 1750, buried at Morristown, N. J., was an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Morristown, and was appointed in 1739, one of the first judges of the court of Morris County, N. J., serving until his death. His wife was a descendant of Governor Robert Treat, of Connecticut.

Levi Lindly son of the last named John, was born in Morris County, N. J., April 27, 1731, moved to Wash-

ington County, Pa., September, 1788, having been preceded by his brother Demas in 1773. His brother Caleb also came about the same time; they became large land owners on the middle fork of Ten Mile Creek, now Morris Township.

William Lindly, youngest son of Levi Lindly, was born in New Jersey October 12, 1786. He was a justice of the peace many years, administered many estates, and at the time of his death in 1855, was one of the directors of the p. o. of Washington County.

John Milton Lindly, father of Dr. Lindly, and son of William Lindly, was born in Morris Township October 27, 1814, and at the time of his death in 1858 held the office of county surveyor of Washington County. He married Eliza Blachly, daughter of Dr. H. W. Blachly, who was educated in New York City, and settled in Washington County about 1805. Their children are: B. B. Lindly, attorney at law and banker, at Winfield, Iowa; Sarah, who married R. R. Thomas, of Dunn's Station, Washington County; and C. M. Lindly, the subject of this sketch.

B. B. Lindly married Clariet Hanna. Their children are: John Milton Lindly, who is cashier of a bank and secretary of the Iowa State Pharmaceutical Association, and Jane, both living at Winfield, Iowa; and Sarah, who married R. R. Thomas. Their children are: Mabel, at home; and Lindly W., married, and living at Dunn's Station, Pa.

Dr. C. M. Lindly was born in Morris Township, Washington County, in 1846, attended the district schools and a local academy. His studies were somewhat interrupted by his anxiety to become a soldier, to do his part in the suppression of rebellion, and when only seventeen years of age he enlisted in Co. K, 16th Pa. Vol. Cav., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He served during the eighteen closing months of the Civil War and was present at the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox. The young soldier returned then to peaceful pursuits and for a time engaged in farming but later entered upon the study of medicine, subsequently entered the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons and was there graduated in the class of 1886. Dr. Lindly immediately entered into practice, living for one year at Ten-Mile and moving then to Zollarsville, where he practiced continuously for twelve years and for six additional years was located at New Wilmington, Pa. During all this time his practice had been general in character but he then went to Philadelphia and took a polyclinic course in the Polyclinic College and Wills Eye Hospital of that city and since then he has made a specialty of diseases of the eye, nose and throat. He is a member of both county and State medical organizations and of the American Medical Association.

In 1870, Dr. Lindly was married to Miss Flora Horn

and they have one daughter, Bernice. They are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church at Washington. In addition to being of pioneer ancestry, Dr. Lindly is of Revolutionary stock on both sides of the family and on the maternal side the Revolutionary hero was a noted surgeon. Dr. Lindly is identified with the G. A. R.

JOHN H. TITUS, one of the representative citizens of Donegal Township, who has been living on his present farm since 1888, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of this section, and was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., Apr. 2, 1849, and is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hayborn) Titus.

The parents of Mr. Titus were both born in Washington County. The grandfather, John Titus, was an early settler here and the late Isaac Titus engaged in farming for many years in the same locality. Isaac Titus was a Republican and he served in public office, being a school director for many years and also was road commissioner. Of the five children born to Isaac Titus and wife, three survive and all reside in Donegal Township: Margaret J., John H. and Joseph.

John H. Titus attended the district schools in Donegal Township and from youth has been engaged in farm pursuits. He is now the owner of the old Dickey farm, on which are a number of old and interesting landmarks of pioneer days, now in a state of disintegration. He is an excellent judge of agricultural conditions in his section and is largely interested in sheep raising, keeping on an average about 100 head.

On Oct. 25, 1888, Mr. Titus was united in marriage with Miss Lanna V. McConn, who was born in West Virginia, a daughter of J. Wilkes McConn, and they have had three children, of whom one survives: Mary Florence, who was born Sept. 28, 1896. Mr. Titus is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith, attending church at West Alexander.

J. B. SHERRARD, one of the younger members of the Washington County bar, has already gained an assured position in his profession, although at Washington he has been compelled to enter into competition with able lawyers of many years standing. Mr. Sherrard was born Dec. 21, 1884, in Missouri, and is a son of Rev. R. M. Sherrard, who now lives retired at Washington, to which city he came in September, 1901. He was born at Cambridge and for 25 years he was in the active ministry of the United Presbyterian Church.

J. B. Sherrard is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, completing his course in the Class of 1904. He at once entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in June, 1908, and in the spring of 1909 was admitted to the bar of Washington County, ever

since maintaining his law office at No. 333 W. T. Building. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the borough, giving promise of becoming a valuable citizen.

JEREMIAH S. WASHABAUGH, a successful hardware merchant of Canonsburg and at present serving as the president of the school board of South Canonsburg, was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., May 12, 1870, and is a son of Frank and Sarah Washabangh.

The father of Mr. Washabangh was born in Fayette County, Pa., near Mt. Pleasant, and came to Washington County when a young man and settled in North Strabane Township, where he acquired a farm. He was born Feb. 9, 1844, and died July 6, 1907. His father was Washington Washabangh, a very early settler in Fayette County. The mother of Mr. Washabangh was born in 1847 and still resides on the old homestead in North Strabane Township. To Frank and Sarah Washabangh were born the following children: Lena, who married O. G. Ayres, of Eighty-Four, Washington County; Mary, who married James Neill, Jr., a farmer near Canonsburg in North Strabane Township; Sarah, who married Everett Donley, a farmer near Eighty-Four; and Grace, who is a teacher in the public schools.

Jeremiah S. Washabangh attended the schools in North Strabane Township and Jefferson Academy, thereby securing a teacher's certificate and after that he continued to teach school through the winter seasons and attended school during the summer sessions until the spring of 1892, when he was graduated from the California State Normal School. His period of teaching covered ten years and during this time he became well and favorably known to other educators all over the county. For six years afterward he conducted a dairy. On Nov. 1, 1905, he purchased the hardware store at Canonsburg, then conducted by Samuel Munnell, and he has become one of the prosperous business men of this place, having a large and safe trade and carrying a full line of goods.

On Aug. 19, 1898, Mr. Washabangh was married to Miss Georgia Taggart, a daughter of John and Martha Taggart, of Beaver Falls, Pa. Mrs. Washabangh is a graduate of Geneva College and prior to her marriage taught school both in North Strabane and Cecil Townships. They have three daughters: Margaret, Ruth and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Washabangh are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg. He is a Democrat in his political sentiments and served at one time as school director of N. Strabane Township.

RUFUS S. MARRINER, a well-known attorney at Washington, Pa., is one of the younger members of the

Washington County bar and is recognized as one of the most able. He was born in Mathews County, Va., where he received his primary education, later attended school in the state of New York and in 1898 was graduated from the Belmont High School.

Mr. Marriner then became a student in Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in 1903. After two years in the Pittsburg Law School, he was admitted to the Washington County bar in October, 1908, immediately afterward locating at Washington. He looks after the interests of the Willet Oil Company and of the Isaac Willet's estate.

Mr. Marriner belongs to the Bassett and the Washington Golf Clubs. His office location is at No. 16 East Wheeling street.

FREDERICK W. MOORE, a representative business man of West Alexander, Pa., dealing in hardware, implements, seeds in season, paints, oils and builders' supplies, has been established in this borough since March, 1903. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., June 20, 1870, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Reed) Moore.

William Moore, now deceased, was born in Ireland, and came to America with his father, Thomas Moore, in 1826. They settled in Ohio County, W. Va., and Thomas Moore lived to the unusual age of 103 years, and was the oldest person ever interred in the West Alexander Cemetery.

Frederick W. Moore obtained his primary education in the local schools and then entered the West Virginia State Normal School at West Liberty, where he was graduated in 1889, after which he taught school for one term. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits and continued until he came to West Alexander, where he became also interested in his present business. He still overlooks his farm of 215 acres which lies in Ohio County, W. Va., not far from West Alexander, on which he grows much stock, paying particular attention to the Delaine fine wool sheep, of registered stock. Dairying has also been a successful industry carried on by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore was married to Miss Mary E. McDonald, a daughter of the late Rev. George McDonald, D. D., of West Alexander, a prominent Presbyterian divine who formerly had charge of a church at Prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have four children: Martha M., Mary E., Adda N. and John M. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are members of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, and for a number of years Mr. Moore sang in its choir. In politics he is a Republican. He is one of the most active and enterprising business men of this section and he is heartily in accord, also, with those who are seeking

the betterment of general conditions and providing for the continued prosperity of the borough.

JOHN McBURNEY DONALDSON, who is associated with the Union Fidelity Title Insurance Company of Pittsburg, Pa., has been in the abstract business throughout his entire business life. He was born in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1874, and is a son of James and Mary (Bigger) Donaldson.

On both sides Mr. Donaldson is a representative of old pioneer families of importance. Isaac Donaldson, the great-grandfather, came to America from the north of Ireland and in company with his brother, William, settled in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1774. Richard Donaldson, son of Isaac, was born on the homestead there established, in 1799, and followed agricultural pursuits. The late James Donaldson, father of John M., was born on the homestead in 1826 and died in 1887, having been one of the leading farmers of the county. He married Mary Bigger, who was born in Robinson Township, Washington County, in 1834, and was a daughter of Samuel Bigger, who was also born there and was a son of Thomas Bigger, a native of Ireland, who came to Robinson Township in the same year that the Donaldsons located in Hanover Township.

John M. Donaldson was educated in the schools of Hanover Township and at Westminster College, graduating from that institution in 1898. He became associated with the Guarantee Title and Trust Company of Pittsburg and after a period of five years with that corporation, went to the Union Fidelity Title Insurance company of Pittsburg.

In November, 1907, Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Laura Z. McIlvaine, a daughter of Z. J. McIlvaine, of Allegheny County, Pa., and they have one child, James Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL CLARK SMITH, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, where he is engaged in handling his own real estate and that of other parties, bears a name that has been perpetuated in this city in the title given to several beautiful avenues. These now cover what was once the farm and vineyards of the Smith family, a few years seemingly having changed the whole appearance of this now most desirable part of Canonsburg. Mr. Smith was born on what is now the corner of Greenside avenue and Pike street, Canonsburg, Pa., May 12, 1859, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Smith.

The grandparents of Mr. Smith were Christopher and Sarah (Stewart) Smith, residents of Conger, Washington County, at the time of the birth of Samuel Smith, in 1806. He came to Canonsburg in the early thirties.

By trade he was a tanner and he purchased a tanuary that then stood in the village, on the present site of the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church and conducted the same until 1875, when he sold to the church people. He died in the old home in 1903, in his 98th year. He was twice married, first to Mary Smith, who died while the six children were small, and second to Ellen Hanua, in Ohio, who survived him. The children were as follows: Triphena, who is the wife of John Arnold; Annetta, who married Joseph Carter, of Canonsburg; Mary, who married Alvin Forsythe, of Canonsburg; George Van Eman Lawrence, who married Margaret G. Smith, and resides on West Pike street, Canonsburg; Sadie Stewart, who married William Crouch and resides in the old homestead; and Samuel Clark, who was the second in order of birth.

Samuel Clark Smith attended the public schools in his youth and worked on the home farm of 40 acres, which is now a part of the borough of Canonsburg. He devoted much attention to fruit growing, particularly grapes, and Mr. Smith's handsome residence at No. 123 Vine street, stands where once was his father's vineyard. Two other streets, Smith and Smithfield, were so named from the farm through which they were constructed and in honor of the family. In 1880 the father of Mr. Smith began to sell off his property as the borough encroached on it and the sons turned to other industries than farming. Samuel C. worked for five years at gas fitting and for two years was connected with the borough electric light plant, after which he successfully conducted a bakery for eight years, finally disposing of it, having been made executor of his father's and also his father-in-law's estate. This led him into his present business and he is handling a large amount of valuable realty in Canonsburg and vicinity.

In the fall of 1878 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Margaret Wilson, who was born May 13, 1859, at Canonsburg, being but one day younger than Mr. Smith. Her father was Matthew Wilson. They have had eight children, four of whom are living: Samuel Wilson, who married Ruth Borden and they reside on Vine street and have two children—Naomi Napier and Allen Borden; Vern, who is the wife of Arthur Woolcroft, a resident of Canton, Ohio; Walter, who is a clerk in the office of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works and is a graduate of the Canonsburg High School; and Paul, who is also a graduate and is employed in the same concern as his brothers. Samuel Wilson Smith, the eldest son, has been identified with the Fort Pitt Bridge Works ever since his graduation from the Canonsburg High School, he and his brothers being well qualified and enterprising young business men. The four children now deceased were: Minnie, Ralph, Roy and one died unnamed.

In his political views, Mr. Smith has ever been staunch

in his adherence to the principles of the Republican party. For nine years he has served in the office of assessor for the East Ward of Canonsburg. Both he and Mrs. Smith can remember when the present busy borough, with interests reaching out almost all over the world, contained but a few hundred houses. They are members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM J. WARRICK, florist, with fine greenhouses located at No. 498 East Locust avenue, Washington, Pa., is a representative business citizen of the city in which he was born, in 1861. His father is George M. Warrick, a man of high standing, who resides on E. Beau street, Washington.

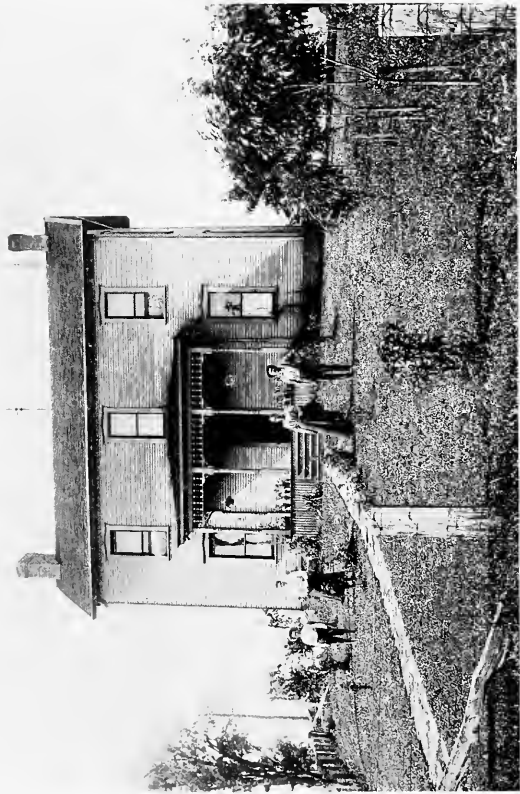
William J. Warrick grew to manhood in his native place and was educated in her excellent schools. His entrance into business was in the drug trade in which he continued for a time and then turned his attention to the grocery business in which he continued for 19 years. About 1903 he first became interested, to a limited degree, in his present business, but has not devoted his entire attention to it until within the past year, but in this time he has erected greenhouses which give him 30,000 square feet of glass and which are fully equipped with all modern appliances with which to conduct a first-class florist business. Combining a natural taste with business faculty, Mr. Warrick is meeting with success in his undertaking.

In 1882, Mr. Warrick was married to Miss Anna Poland, a daughter of the late Henry Poland, and they have six children: George H., William J., Jr., Ray W., Earl J., Mildred Poland and Clifford. The two older sons are also in the greenhouse business. Mr. and Mrs. Warrick are members of the First M. E. Church. He takes no very active part in politics, desiring only the election of officers who will maintain good government.

WILLIAM THOMAS RABE, who owns a fine farm of 150 acres, lying just west of Donora in Carroll Township, is the owner of the Donora Dairy, and has been a resident of Donora since 1905. He was born Sept. 16, 1865, on his father's farm in Carroll Township, and is a son of Hiram and Catherine (Frederick) Rabe.

Hiram Rabe was born in Carroll Township on the farm on which his father settled at an early period. He followed farming during the greater part of his life, but subsequently retired from business and removed to Monongahela City, where he died in June, 1897, past 60 years of age. At the time of his death he was the owner of three tracts of farm land, namely, the old Eliza Grant farm of 125 acres at Eldora, which was laid out in town lots; the old Squire Butler farm of 150 acres, now the property of our subject; and the Rabe homestead of 125 acres in Carroll Township, now owned





RESIDENCE OF W. J. WINTERS, MT. PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

by David G. Rabe, his brother. Hiram and Catherine Rabe were the parents of the following children: Elma, married Stephen Tucker, both are now deceased; Virginia, died in youth; Anna, is the wife of William Blackenbuehler, ex-mayor of Monongahela City; William Thomas, our subject; David G. and James A.

William T. Rabe was reared on the farm in Carroll Township, and attended the old Star district school. He early in life began working on his father's farm, of which he became owner at the time of his father's death. He then engaged in the dairy business, shipping milk to Homestead, Pa., but since the erection of the town of Donora has been running a retail wagon, and is the pioneer dairyman of Donora. He operates the business under the name of the Donora Dairy, sells an average of 100 gallons of milk per day, owns 20 head of cows and has milk shipped in from various surrounding points. Mr. Rabe has a portion of his farm laid out in town lots, which are in the hands of the Monongahela Land Company. About 1905, Mr. Rabe came to Donora, where he erected a fine 12-room residence, which is located on the corner of Eighth and Thompson streets.

In November, 1898, Mr. Rabe was united in marriage with Louisa (Elliott) Nutt, a daughter of William Elliott, of Fayette County, Pa., and the widow of J. E. Nutt, by whom she is the mother of three children: Sarah, who is the wife of John S. Culbert; Ruth, who married Vernon Pollett; and Randolph. Mr. and Mrs. Rabe have one son, William Lewis. In politics Mr. Rabe is identified with the Republican party, has served two years as road supervisor of Carroll Township, and in February, 1909, was elected a member of the Donora Council. He holds membership with the Royal Arcanum Lodge, the Modern Woodmen and the Jr. O. U. A. M., all of Monongahela City, and the F. O. E. of Donora.

W. J. WINTERS, who conducts a hardware store and a blacksmith and carriage repair shop at Bulger, is one of the representative business men of this prosperous little town. He was born May 14, 1859, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of W. G. and Mary (Bartholomew) Winters.

W. J. Winters spent his school days at McDond and in Mt. Pleasant Township and afterward engaged in farming for four years. Having natural mechanical skill, he decided to take advantage of it and then went to Jefferson County, Ohio, where he learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked in Mt. Pleasant Township, Cross Creek Township, at Oakmont and Hickory and then came to Bulger, where he has been established in his present quarters for the past fifteen years. In addition to the satisfactory business he does at this place, Mr. Winters has other interests and is a stockholder in a gold mine in New Mexico and is also interest-

ed in the development of 288,000 acres of land in the same country, where a company with large capital and bright prospects are raising hemp and rubber plants. Mr. Winters is identified with the National Horseshoers Association and is the local treasurer. In his political sentiments he is a Republican and at present is serving as a school director of Smith Township.

In October, 1880, Mr. Winters was married to Miss Anna M. Wilson, a daughter of James Wilson, and they have two children: Cora May and Harry E. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church of Midway.

P. G. KENNEDY, city tax collector of Washington, Pa., and identified with large real estate interests here, has been a vigorous and useful citizen of the city in which he was born, June 22, 1850. He is a son of Peter Kennedy, who came to Washington County about 1820. During the Civil War he entered the service together with three of his sons, one of whom, James Kennedy, was the first man to enlist in 1861 from Washington County. Peter Kennedy served in Co. K, Pa. Res., of which he was first orderly sergeant; one son was a member of the 98th Ohio; another of Co. A, 100th Pa., and the third, of the 154th Pa. Vol. Inf.

P. G. Kennedy was reared at Washington and obtained his education in the city schools. He learned the carriage-trimming trade with S. B. & C. Hayes, serving a full apprenticeship, and for 25 years afterward was connected with the firm of Hayes & Wilson, on Franklin street. For three or four years he acted as solicitor for C. V. Harding in a real estate and insurance business. Mr. Kennedy was one of the organizers of North Washington, now the Sixth Ward, and was president of that borough for four years before it was taken into the city proper. He has served also about five years as a member of the city Council, resigning his seat when he was elected tax collector on Feb. 16, 1909, for a term of three years. He is interested in the North Washington Land Company and in several other business enterprises.

On Nov. 21, 1877, Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson, who was born at Uniontown, Pa., and they have had four children, namely: William U. James B., Sarah R. and Harriet W. Both sons were members of Co. H, 10th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Spanish-American War and they saw service in the Philippines. The older daughter died when 12 years of age. The younger is the wife of C. W. Simpson, of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are members of the M. P. Church at Washington, of which he has been a trustee. His only fraternal connection is with the Royal Arcanum.

JAMES H. SUPLER, one of Claysville's substantial retired farmers, who has been a resident of the borough

since April, 1908, still retains his valuable farm of 120 acres, which is situated in Donegal Township. Mr. Supler was born near Beallsville, in Washington County, Pa., Mar. 18, 1850, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Hill) Supler.

The Supler family is one of the oldest in Washington County and its founders were John Supler and his wife, Rachel (Kirk) Supler. The former was born Nov. 30, 1757, and the latter Aug. 13, 1767. They came to Donegal Township when the land was a wilderness and the pioneers had to build a block house to ensure them from the savage attacks of the Indians. John Supler the second was the grandfather of James H. Supler and the father of the late Thomas Supler. The latter was born in Washington County, Pa., and died Feb. 15, 1886. Like his father and grandfather, he was a farmer and raiser of cattle and sheep. The first John Supler served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Supler married Margaret Hill, who was also born in Washington County. Of their six children, but one survives.

James H. Supler grew to manhood in Donegal Township and attended school there and at West Alexander, after which he engaged continuously in farming and stock raising until he retired to Claysville.

On Dec. 29, 1875, Mr. Supler was married to Miss Elizabeth Bryans, who was born in Ontario, Can., near Port Stanley. Her parents were William and Margaret (Bamford) Bryans, who were born in Ireland and were married at Toronto, Can. Mrs. Supler was 9 years old when she moved with her parents from Canada and they settled first at Wheeling, W. Va., and later moved to Moundsville, where she was educated. Her grandfather on the paternal side was also Irish, but on the maternal side was of an old Scotch family named Howe. To Mr. and Mrs. Supler four children were born, namely: Harry William, who is associated with his youngest brother, in the mercantile business at Claysville, married Grace Danley, a daughter of H. P. Danley, of this place, and they have one daughter, Evelyn G.; Bessie M., who is the wife of Frank Lindsay, of Claysville; Minnie M., who resides at home; and James Walter, who is the junior member of the mercantile firm of Supler Brothers, at Claysville. James H. Supler is nominally a Republican but he is a thinking, reading man and occasionally exercises his own judgment when casting his ballot. Mrs. Supler is a member of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander and belongs also to that noble organization, the W. C. T. U., at Claysville.

WILLIAM E. DAVIS, of the firm of Davis & Hawkins, extensive operators in the oil and gas fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, who also deal largely in buying and selling coal lands, is one of the leading citizens and substantial business men of Wash-

ington, Pa. He was born in 1866 in Washington County, and is a son of John K. Davis and comes of one of the oldest established families in Washington County, which was founded by William Davis, a native of Scotland, who was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. Joshua Davis, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in West Bethlehem Township Oct. 6, 1787, and obtained his education in the subscription schools of the neighborhood. He followed farming for many years in West Bethlehem Township and died in Buffalo Township Oct. 10, 1864. William Davis, grandfather of our subject, was born in South Strabane Township Oct. 6, 1810, and there attended the subscription schools of the neighborhood. Early in life he began working on his father's farm in North Strabane Township, where he continued until 1847, when he purchased a farm in South Strabane Township, where he gave his attention to farming and sheep raising, his flock often numbering 1,000 head, and acquired a large tract of land, having at one time 500 acres. He took an active interest in all local politics and held various township offices, having been for nine years a member of the County Poor Board, and was for several years a director of the First National Bank of Washington. He was for many years a member and an elder of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church and later an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Washington. John K. Davis, father of subject, was born in Washington County, in 1840, and spent his entire life engaged in farming and stock raising, passing away in 1897.

William E. Davis was reared in Washington County and obtained a common school education which was supplemented by a three-years' course at the Washington-Jefferson College, a member of the Class of 1887, since which time he has been operating in the oil and gas fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, the company at present operating in Belmont and Columbiana Counties, Ohio, also dealing largely in buying and selling coal lands.

In October, 1906, Mr. Davis married Cora Busbey, of Wheeling, W. Va., and they have one child, Virginia Bell. Mr. Davis is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

HERMAN H. BEBOUT, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, chairman of the city Board of Health, for 35 years was a large farmer and stock raiser in North Strabane Township and still owns some 200 acres of valuable land there, which is richly underlaid with coal. He was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Aug. 31, 1847, and is a son of Peter and Isabella (Cooper) Bebout.

Peter Bebout, father of Herman H., was born on Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1782, and died in North



Strabane Township Apr. 12, 1860. He was 21 years old when he accompanied his father, John Bebout, to Washington County, the long journey being made with a four-horse and a two-horse wagon, as many of the household possessions as possible being brought to the pioneer home. The children of Grandfather John Bebout bore the following names: William, Sarah, Isabel, Susanna, John, Mary, Israel, Elizabeth and Ira.

Peter Bebout was married (first) to a Miss McKinney and to this marriage the following children were born: John, born in 1806; William, born Dec. 17, 1807; Peter, born Dec. 5, 1809; James, born Mar. 3, 1813; Israel, born July 22, 1815; Sallie, born Sept. 6, 1819, married John Martin and they live in Ohio; Eli, born July 3, 1821; and Elizabeth, born Aug. 27, 1823, married Samuel Thomas, who still lives, aged about 90 years. The first wife died in 1822. On Nov. 9, 1823, Peter Bebout was married (second) to Isabella Cooper, who was born on Yellow Creek, in Jefferson County, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1805, and died Mar. 6, 1889. To this marriage the following children were born: Mary Jane, born Aug. 27, 1825, married William Hays, of Chartiers Township, and both are now deceased; Susan, born Nov. 26, 1826, married William Bebout and died in July, 1909, in her 84th year; Ira, born Sept. 5, 1828, died in Monongahela City Nov. 24, 1904, married (first) Mrs. Jane Hamilton, and (second) Miss Annie Rainey, the latter of whom survives; Margaret, born Aug. 31, 1830, married Cephas Cochran and died in North Strabane Township Feb. 10, 1855; David, born Sept. 3, 1832, married Dorothy McMaury, whom he survives and resides at Canonsburg; Isabella, born Apr. 6, 1834, married John Crouch and died in 1894; Joshua, born July 5, 1836, married and died at St. Louis, Mo.; Stephen, born Oct. 21, 1838, married (first) Miss Cassandra Pool and (second) Mrs. Nancy McCathoun; Martha Jane, born Jan. 18, 1841, died Feb. 25, 1842; Caroline P., born Jan. 29, 1844, married Joseph Manes, of North Strabane Township, and died Mar. 9, 1896; and Herman Haines, of Canonsburg. Mr. Bebout has preserved the old family records and can trace back to the birth of his grandfather, on Jan. 20, 1752, and to that of his great-grandfather, also John Bebout, who was born in Holland Aug. 25, 1729, and was brought to America in his infancy.

Herman Haines Bebout was brought up on a farm and went to school in North Strabane Township, attending what was known as the Scott school. He assisted on the farm and until he came to Canonsburg in 1890, was continuously engaged in farming and stock raising, with the exception of one year of the Civil War, when he worked on the gunboat "Unqua," and was one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He is largely a self-made man, starting out on his own resources. Through business foresight and good judgment he has acquired

an ample fortune, making a large amount of this in dealing in live stock. He owns what is known as the Hill farm and also owns the Lyons farm, while Mrs. Bebout owns an interest in the old Dr. John McMillan farm. Mr. Bebout also owns the coal under his land and on the upper farm, the Lyons place, the coal has never been worked, it being one of the five farms remaining in North Strabane Township that has its coal unsold.

On Nov. 4, 1869, Mr. Bebout was married to Miss Mary J. McMillan, a daughter of John McMillan and a great-granddaughter of Rev. John McMillan, the noted Presbyterian divine of Washington County. The father of Mrs. Bebout died in North Strabane Township. A brother, John Anderson McMillan, was killed in the army during the Civil War. Another brother, Thomas McMillan, is a resident of Bower Hill, Washington County, and a sister, Rebecca, is the wife of James Speer, a prominent resident of South Canonsburg.

In 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Bebout came to Canonsburg to make their home in this city, erecting a house on West Pike street. Mr. Bebout subsequently sold that house and in 1894 erected his present solid brick ten-room handsome modern residence at No. 232 West Pike street, which is a beautiful home. For many years they were connected with the old Hill Presbyterian Church known as the Dr. John McMillan Church, but they have transferred their membership to the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. In politics, Mr. Bebout is a Prohibitionist. He has given evidence many times of useful civic qualities and is serving in his second term as a member of the Board of Health and also has been a valued member of the city Council.

A. J. ZAHNISER, of the firm of Zahniser Bros. & Sten, manufacturers of oil well tools and general repairers, with foundry located at No. 70 Washington street, Washington, Pa., was born in Mercer County, Pa., Dec. 8, 1849, and is a son of Michael Zahniser, a representative of a family that was established in America as early as 1753.

A. J. Zahniser remained in his native place until he was 19 years old, completing his school attendance, and then went to Greenville, where he learned the machinist trade and remained at work there for seven years and three months. From there he went to Clarion County and entered the shops of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad, and being a reliable workman was retained as long as he would stay, a period of some seven years. By that time he wished to go into business for himself as a machinist, and in February, 1866, he came to Washington, and here, in partnership with a Mr. Fink, established the firm of Fink & Zahniser, practical machinists. About 18 months later, Mr. Fink was accidentally killed. Mr. Zahniser, however, continued with the Fink Bros in the

business for six years and then sold out. In 1893 the firm of Zahniser Bros. & Sten was established and years of prosperity have followed. In addition to conducting a repair shop, this firm manufactures oil well tools and also maintains an automobile garage, and, as agents, sell some of the leading makes of machines.

On May 18, 1872, Mr. Zahniser was married to Miss Sarah McCullough, who was born in Mercer County, and they have five children, namely: Margaret, who is the wife of Prof. W. D. Brightwell, of Pittsburg; C. M., who is employed by his father; Mary, who is the wife of John C. Steel, of Washington; and Ida and Florence. The family attend the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington. Mr. Zahniser is identified with the A. O. U. W.

WILLIAM W. PAUL, who, for a quarter of a century has been engaged in the general mercantile business at Lone Pine, Pa., and is a representative citizen of Washington County, was born near Amity, in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., Dec. 27, 1843, and is a son of Philo and Sarah (Hughes) Paul.

Philo Paul was born also in Amwell Township, where his father, William Paul, had been a pioneer settler. Philo Paul followed farming in West Bethlehem Township for some years prior to enlisting in the army, early in the Civil War, and was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House. He married Sarah Hughes and she was left a widow with a family of children, namely: William W.; James M., who is now deceased; John A., who resides at Laboratory near Washington; Daniel W., who also lives at Laboratory; Alexander H. and David C., both of whom reside at Lone Pine; Benjamin F. and Abraham L., both of whom live at Washington; and Laura J., who is the wife of E. D. Day, resides at Amity.

W. W. Paul was about two years of age when his parents moved from Amwell to West Bethlehem Township and there he grew to man's estate and secured the main part of his education at Pleasant Valley Academy, now Lone Pine. After he reached manhood he left the farm and learned the lumber manufacturing business, working in local sawmills and for 20 years carried on a sawmill enterprise at Lone Pine before he embarked in a mercantile business for himself. He was a clerk in the store of James Huston, the well-known early merchant at Lone Pine, and in 1882 opened up his own store. In politics he is a Republican and under that administration he was appointed postmaster at Lone Pine and served for four years. He has served in village offices and has done his full share in promoting the present prosperity of the town. He is one of the leading members and a deacon in the Lone Pine Christian Church.

Mr. Paul married Miss Phoebe J. Egly, of Lone Pine,

and they have three children: Sadie L.; Nora J., wife of Frank Curry, of Donora, Pa., and they have two children, Hazel J. and Paul W.; and Dale W. During the existence of the lodge of Odd Fellows at this point, Mr. Paul was an active member.

JAMES ELDER BARNETT was born at Elder's Ridge, Indiana County, Pa., which perpetuated his mother's family name. His father was Rev. John Morrison Barnett, D. D., whose ancestors came to this country about 1700, the head of the family being John Barnett. One of his ancestors was mayor of Dublin, one served in the defense of Londonderry, and another was an officer in the Colonial Army and accompanied Washington in the Trenton expedition.

His mother was Martha Robinson Elder, whose family belonged to the Stewart and Cameron clans in Scotland, coming to Dauphin County, Pa., about 1700, some of them later removing to Indiana County.

The Elder family settled at Paxtang in Dauphin County where Rev. John Elder built the Paxtang Presbyterian Church, which is still standing.

Rev. John Elder held a commission as colonel dated July 11, 1763, from the governor of the Province, having command over all blockhouses and stockades from Easton to the Susquehanna. Prior to this he commanded the "Paxtang Boys."

Thomas Elder was attorney general of Pennsylvania and held a commission as lieutenant colonel in the militia.

The subject of this sketch was educated at Elder's Ridge Academy, Washington-Jefferson College and Columbia Law School, graduating from college in 1882 and being admitted to the bar of Washington County in 1890 and of Allegheny County in 1899.

He took considerable interest in politics and in the fall of 1893 was selected on behalf of Washington County to meet representatives from Beaver County to adjust the respective claims of these counties to priority in the ensuing Republican nomination of a candidate for state senate from the senatorial district composed of those counties. He served as deputy prothonotary of Washington County under John W. Seaman and for several years as clerk to the county commissioners. July 1, 1895, he was appointed deputy secretary of the Commonwealth by Gen. Frank Reeder, which office he resigned Oct. 19, 1897. In 1899 he was named for state treasurer of Pennsylvania, elected by 110,000 majority and served the full term of two years.

He then resumed the practice of his profession and is a member of the law firm of Scaudrett & Barnett, of Pittsburg, Pa.

In 1884 he enlisted in Co. H, 10th Reg., N. G. P., as a private and passed through the various grades of



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service, being elected as first lieutenant in 1887, captain in 1890, major in 1893 and lieutenant colonel in 1897. In 1898 he volunteered with his regiment for the Spanish-American War. Realizing that the Philippines were to be the real center of interest and action, he secured permission from Col. Hawkins to try to get an assignment to that point and through the assistance of Senators Quay and Penrose, Deputy Attorney John P. Elkin, State Treasurer P. J. Hlaywood, Harry C. Fry of Beaver County and Second Assistant Postmaster General of United States W. S. Shallenberger, the Tenth Regiment was ordered to San Francisco to embark for the Philippines, leaving there June 15, 1898.

Lieut. Col. Barnett was ordered back to Pennsylvania by Col. Hawkins to recruit more men for the regiment. He established "Camp Hawkins" camp at Washington, Pa., and on July 10 reported in San Francisco to Brig. Gen. Charles King with 256 men and immediately had assigned to him the recruits for the First California, Second Oregon, First Colorado and First Nebraska, in all about 1,900 men. Under command of Gen. King he sailed about Aug. 1, 1898, for Honolulu with the Pennsylvania, First Nebraska and First Colorado recruits. Here the expedition was side-tracked, but by order of President McKinley to the Secretary of War, he was directed to proceed to his regiment at Manila, being in command of the transport Arizona, now Hancock, from Honolulu to Manila, reaching there Sept. 28, 1898.

He served with his regiment in the Philippine Insurrection, taking part in the engagements of Attack on Manila, Chinese Hospital LaLema, Caloccan, San Francisco Del Monte, Tuliahan River, Meyeauayan, Marilao, Bocaue, Guiguinto and Malolos.

About April 14, the regiment was ordered to Cavite from Malolos, Col. Hawkins being made commander of that independent military district and placing Lieut. Col. Barnett in command of the regiment. Colonel Hawkins became sick and requested that Col. Barnett be made commander of the district which was granted by Gen. Otis with the proviso that he should also retain command of the regiment, thus entailing double duty. Under his command were the Peninsula and town of Cavite, the Island of Corregidor, two batteries of the First California Heavy Artillery, one battery of the Wyoming Light Artillery, four guns, one troop of Nevada Cavalry and the Tenth Pennsylvania. The command of this district was retained until embarkation for the United States July 1, 1899, and of the regiment until mustered out Aug. 22, 1899. He was in command of the transport Senator on the return voyage and as Col. Hawkins was getting weaker he directed the regimental surgeons to obtain instruments and embalming fluid at Yokohama. Col. Hawkins died two days out from this port

and by this precaution, his body was preserved for burial at home.

In 1900 he was unanimously elected colonel of the reorganized Tenth Regiment and unanimously re-elected 1905, resigning in 1907. Under his command the regiment maintained its efficiency and took part in the Anthracite Strike in 1902, being stationed at Shamokin. Out of deference to the memory of Col. Hawkins, Lieut. Col. Barnett refused promotion to the rank of colonel of the Tenth Regiment in the United States service. After the earthquake and fire at San Francisco, he inaugurated the movement by which the members of the Tenth Regiment through the generosity of their friends in their respective company towns, were enabled to send approximately \$10,000 to their stricken benefactors, the people of San Francisco.

H. B. ROSSELL, president of the Vester, Stewart & Rossell Company, dealers in lumber and manufacturers of all kinds of building material and general contractors, with planing mill at No. 61 South street, Washington, Pa., has been a citizen here for almost a quarter of a century and has large interests. He was born in Morris Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1856, and is a son of Martin Rossell, who died during the boyhood of his son.

H. B. Rossell was mainly reared in Anwell Township, where he went to school through boyhood. He early, however, began to take care of himself and worked on farms in different sections and also as a day laborer until he was about 20 years of age. He then went into the sawmill business and continued for about four or five years, when he learned the carpenter trade and worked four years with the Holder Brothers at Beallsville. By this time he was an excellent workman and after a short period spent at Waynesburg, he came to Washington, where he secured work at his trade with Julius Rush and later with J. W. Vester. After an association of three years with the latter the firm of Vester, Stewart & Rossell was established, and a general partnership was maintained until 1905, when the business had so enlarged in volume that it was found desirable to have it incorporated. Since then the business name has been as at present, The Vester, Stewart & Rossell Company. Mr. Rossell being president of the concern.

In December, 1881, Mr. Rossell was married to Miss Hannah Holder, who was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and is a daughter of William Holder, one of the early contractors and bridge builders of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Rossell have four children: William Martin and Charles Henry, both residing in Alberta, Canada; and Mary Jeanetta and Lillian Roman, both residing at home. Mr. Rossell and family

are members of the First Baptist Church, of which he is a trustee. He belongs to National Lodge No. 81, Odd Fellows, to the Encampment and to the Rebeccas. With his partners he has membership in the Retail Lumbermen's Association. Mr. Rossell is a notable example of self-made man and is one of Washington's self reliant and successful business citizens.

ELMER R. DEEMS, who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., since 1887, owns 260 acres of fine, well improved land in the Western Reserve, Ohio, and also 320 acres of equally fine land in the southeastern part of Washington County, Pa., and the borough of Deemston was named in his honor. He was born in West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1848, and is a representative of one of the county's oldest families.

Mark Deems, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a Revolutionary soldier and participated in the battles of Cowpens and Brandywine. Shortly after the close of the war, he came to Washington County, Pa., and took up about 600 acres of land on the head waters of Pike Run, which he called the Deems' Dependence. His son, George Deems, was born in Washington County, as was the latter's son, George, Jr. George Deems, Jr., father of the subject of this record, was born in West Pike Run Township, in 1819, and lived to reach an advanced age, dying about the year 1897. He engaged in farming and sheep raising on an extensive scale and was well known over the county.

Elmer R. Deems was reared in his native township, and received a superior educational training in the Southwestern Normal School and at Mt. Union College in Ohio. He engaged in teaching some nine years, and followed farming until his removal to the borough of Washington, and with the exception of three years spent in the Shenandoah Valley has always resided in the county. He enlisted for service in the Union Army when sixteen years old, but saw no service. In 1887, he was elected prothonotary of Washington County, and assumed the duties of office on January 1, 1888. He was re-elected to that office in 1890, and in all served six years in a most creditable manner. Upon leaving that office he was for a time engaged in the mercantile business, but finally established a real estate and insurance business which is unexcelled in volume in the county.

In 1872, Mr. Deems was married to Miss Emma Crawford, of East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and they have two children, Sarah C. and Ernest A. Deems. The latter, who was educated in the public schools, is in the government service, and is quartermaster at Pedro Miguel, in the Canal Zone; he has been in that position for two years and has about 200 men under his supervision. Mr. Elmer R. Deems spent some time visiting his son in the Canal Zone, and experienced

a most instructive and enjoyable trip. He and family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He was one of the organizers of the old order of Knights of Balaam, the object of which was music, mirth and amusement, they having at one time a membership of over 600, and from reports given by early members of the order the object was realized in plenty. It was one of the early orders of Washington County and has passed out of being.

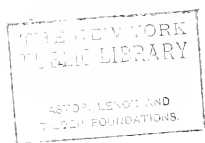
CAPT. ROBERT FINLEY BOYD, who was for many years a captain on the river, has been a resident of Donora, Pa., since October, 1901, and was born Dec. 26, 1849, near Baird, Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William and Cassandra (Scott) Boyd and a grandson of William Boyd, Sr.

William Boyd, Sr., was one of the earliest settlers of Monongahela City, Pa., and came here from east of the mountains by the way of Brownsville, Pa., and on the canal. He was the father of eight children, namely: Park, William, Robert, John, James, Reese, Mrs. McCullough and Barbara. William Boyd, father of subject, was born at Monongahela City, in 1826, and spent his entire life in the vicinity of that city and at Lock Four, where his death occurred in March, 1861. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm, and he subsequently ran on the packets between Pittsburg and Brownsville, which was the route covered by the Moorehead Packet Company, by whom he was employed. He married Cassandra Scott, who lived to an advanced age, and was a sister of A. D. Scott. Nine children were born to William and Cassandra Boyd, namely: Robert Finley Boyd, our subject; John, who was killed Oct. 4, 1882, at Iron City, Pa.; Mary Ann, the deceased wife of Samuel Insley; Noah, a resident of West Columbia; William, of Fayette County, Pa., and four who died in childhood.

Capt. Robert F. Boyd was reared in Carroll Township, where he obtained but a limited amount of schooling, and at an early age entered the mines, where he worked from 1862 until 1872, then became a deckhand on the boat Grand Lake, which ran on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He also spent some time on that boat as lamp trimmer and in 1874, when the boat was sold, became mate on Grand Lake Boat No. 2, serving in that capacity until 18 months later, when the boat was sold. He then served as mate nine years on the Joe B. Williams, a 220-foot boat with a 52-foot beam, which was built in 1875, at Freedom, Pa., and ran between Pittsburg and New Orleans, and is still in service and is one of the largest vessels on the river. He then served three months as mate on the Tom Reese and six months as mate on the John A. Wood, after which he was captain of the S. L. Wood for over eight years, and after she was sold



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spent one year as captain on the *Harry Brown*, which blew up the following year. He then returned to the John A. Wood as mate for a few months and in 1898 retired from the river and returned to his home in West Columbia, where, in 1885, he had purchased land on which he had erected three houses. When the town of Monessen was laid out, he purchased property there, opened a restaurant, which one year later he rented to W. W. Elliott and returned to West Columbia, now Donora, and when Donora was laid out, purchased three lots during the first day of the land sale. He erected his present six-room residence on the corner of Thompson and First streets, and in 1901, after disposing of his West Columbia property to the Union Improvement Company, purchased three 40-foot lots on McKean and First streets, where he has since erected five dwellings.

On Nov. 4, 1883, Capt. Boyd was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Lucy E. Brown, who was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a daughter of William and Eliza (Parkens) Brown, natives of England, and they have one son, Grover W. Boyd. Capt. Boyd is a Republican in politics.

CAPT. GEORGE C. BARR, foreman of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company's Factory No. 2, of Washington, Pa., is one of the enterprising business men of the city. He was born in 1876, in Butler County, Pa., and is a son of George L. Barr. At the age of 9 years he came with his parents to Washington, Washington County, Pa., where he was reared and received his educational training, graduating from the Washington and Jefferson College in 1900. After completing his education he first engaged in merchant tailoring at Washington for a period of six and a half years, at the end of which time he became associated with the Hazel Atlas Glass Company of Washington as foreman, in Hazel Factory No. 2, in which capacity he is still serving.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Barr enlisted in Co. H, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served with the company throughout their campaign in the Philippines. Upon his return to the United States after the close of the war, he continued his membership in Co. H, N. G. of Pennsylvania, and in 1901 became second lieutenant, being promoted the following year to first lieutenant, in which capacity he served until 1905, when he was made captain of Company H, and held commission until Oct. 1, 1909; resigned on account of pressure of business interests.

In 1902, Mr. Barr was joined in marriage with Miss Nettie Tombaugh, who comes of one of the oldest families of Washington County, and is a daughter of John Tombaugh of West Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are the parents of one child, Grace Irene Barr.

JOHN T. McNARY, secretary and treasurer of the Citizens' Trust Company of Canonsburg, Pa., and both financially and officially identified with a number of the important interests of the borough, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., August 3, 1859, and is a son of John C. and Abbie T. (Pollock) McNary.

The early records of Washington County tell of the locating of the McNary family in this section and of their value and usefulness as citizens. The paternal grandfather was William H. McNary, who was born in North Strabane Township Nov. 26, 1805. He became one of the leading men in the county and exercised a wide influence for good, not only in business affairs in his neighborhood, but also in public activities. In 1832 he settled on what is known as the old McNary homestead, Pine View Farm, situated in Chartiers Township. In 1861 he retired to Canonsburg, where his death occurred in 1877. He married Margaret Murray, who survived him for a few years. Of their 12 children, the late John C. McNary, father of John T., was the eldest son.

John C. McNary was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, July 30, 1830, and died at Canonsburg May 13, 1909. Like his father he had many agricultural and financial interests and for a number of years was president of the Citizens' Trust Company, at Canonsburg. He was one of the incorporators of the Oak Springs Cemetery Company and also of the Western Pennsylvania Agricultural Association. He was twice married, the death of his first wife occurring Jan. 28, 1866. He was married (second) May 20, 1868, to Abbie T. Pollock, and the following children were born to them: Mary Ellen, who married George G. Paxton, and they live on the McNary homestead in Chartiers Township; Martha J., who died aged 12 years; James T., who died aged 5 years; William H., a representative business man of Canonsburg, who married Elizabeth Crawford; John T. and Nannie Janet.

John T. McNary was educated in the public schools of Chartiers Township and Duff's Business College, at Pittsburgh. After completing his college course, in 1898, he accepted a position in a furniture store. In the fall of 1900 he became bookkeeper for the Citizens' Bank, Limited, at Canonsburg, and after the business was reorganized as the Citizens' Trust Company, he became teller. In the early part of 1907 he was made assistant secretary and treasurer of this financial institution, of which he became secretary and treasurer on July 1, 1909. Mr. McNary has been a resident of Canonsburg since 1892 and for nine years of this time has been identified with the Citizens' Bank. He has firm control over numerous business interests and is treasurer of the Oak Springs Cemetery Company and also is treasurer of the Murray Hill Improvement Com-

pany, of Canonsburg. He was figuratively cradled in Republicanism and is a firm supporter of its policies. His interest in public matters pertaining to the general welfare of his borough has been many times manifested by his liberal contributions to schools, church and charities. He is serving in the important office of borough treasurer. For many years he has been a member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg.

S. CAMERON BOWES, M. D., who has had 16 years of experience in the practice of medicine and has a large general practice at Canonsburg, was born at Toledo, Ohio, Apr. 18, 1864, and is a son of Robert U. and Elizabeth B. (Robinson) Bowes.

The parents of Dr. Bowes are of Pennsylvania birth, the father being a native of Dauphin and the mother of Blair County. Their family consisted of three sons and one daughter. For a number of years Robert U. Bowes has been a representative of the Mutual Life and the New York Life Insurance Companies and is well known through Ohio.

From the public schools of Toledo, S. Cameron Bowes entered Wooster Medical College at Cleveland. He was graduated in the Class of 1893 from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburgh, where he entered into practice and continued until he came to Canonsburg. In 1907 he was elected physician for Midland No. 1 of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and in 1908 he was elected physician for the Pittsburgh and Buffalo Company Hazel mine. These appointments carry with them an immense amount of responsibility, Dr. Bowes having 1,500 men under his charge. Every emergency, however, has found him able and ready to meet it, and in the dangerous calling which these 1,500 men follow, they can have the comforting assurance that if they meet with disaster, a patient, skilled and experienced physician will do all he can for them.

In August, 1887, Dr. Bowes was married to Miss Florence Louise McCabe, a daughter of William Henry and Mary (Sheridan) McCabe, of New York City, where Mrs. Bowes was educated.

STEPHEN B. DAY, a Civil War veteran and retired farmer of Washington, was born January 19, 1842, in Morris Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Daniel and Lavina (Clutter) Day.

Daniel Day, who was born in Morris Township in 1814, was a son of Luther Day, a native of New Jersey and one of the pioneer settlers of Morris Township, Washington County. Daniel Day always followed farming and stock raising in Morris Township, where he died in 1900, and was a man of public spirit and enterprise, always taking an active interest in affairs which tended

toward the advancement of the community in which he lived. He was first united in marriage with Lavina Clutter, also a native of Morris Township, and they became the parents of two sons and four daughters, the latter of whom are all deceased. The two sons are: W. J. Day, who lives with our subject, and Stephen B., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Day formed a second union with Catherine Gantz, and they have two children living: Samuel L., who lives on the old Day farm in Morris Township; and Margaret, who is the widow of William Clutter, resides in Oklahoma.

Stephen B. Day grew to maturity in Morris Township, where he attended the common schools, and at the age of twenty years enlisted in Co. B, 22nd Pa. Cav., better known as the Ringgold Battalion, consisting of seven companies from Washington County. He served three years and two months in the Army of West Virginia, as a private, and although he once had a horse shot from under him, was never wounded, and after being mustered out, returned home and taught school for several winters, and farmed during the summer months. Mr. Day has always followed farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep, often having a flock of 400 sheep. His farm, consisting of 236 acres, is located in Amwell Township, and although for the past seven years he has been a resident of Washington, where he owns a fine residence at No. 504 Jefferson avenue, he still continues looking after his farming interests.

Mr. Day was married in 1868 to Rebecca J. Closser, who was born and reared in Amwell Township and is a daughter of Daniel Closser, of Amwell Township. Mr. and Mrs. Day have five children living: Ransom M., who resides on Donnan avenue, Washington; Margaret, who married Albert S. Crothers, of Taylorstown, died aged twenty-five years; Mary Lavina, who married James Dever, of Washington; Daniel C., who operates a farm in Canton Township; Herschel M., who is a civil engineer; and Florence, at home. Mr. Day has always been actively interested in local politics, having served two terms as township auditor, judge of election, and as a director of the school board. He is a member of the State Grange, of which he is deputy for Washington County, and of Templeton Post, G. A. R. The family is identified with the Christian Church.

JOHN M. ALLISON, who is engaged in dealing in livestock, at Canonsburg, Pa., is one of the representative business men of this section and has resided all his life in Washington County. He was born in Canton Township, June 18, 1862, and is a son of John Grimes and Mary (Rodgers) Allison.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Allison, John and Annie Allison, were natives of Ohio, but they came to Pennsylvania and both died in Washington County. They



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had three children: John Grimes; Thomas P., who died in Canton Township; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Taggart.

John Grimes Allison was born in Harrison County, Ohio, and accompanied his parents to Washington County in boyhood. The family settled on the farm in Canton Township on which James C. Allison now resides. John G. Allison owned a farm of 120 acres and he carried on farming and also was a stock dealer. His death was occasioned by an affection of the heart, September 2, 1898, when sixty-eight years of age. He married Mary Rodgers, who was also sixty-eight years of age at the time of her death, January 26, 1901. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Washington. They had five children, namely: James C., who lives on the old Allison farm which has been in the family for more than 100 years, married Mattie Lattimore, and they have one child, Mary; Annie, who married George Amos, and they live in Canton Township; John M., of Canonsburg; Margaret, who died November 26, 1882, aged eighteen years; and Etta, who resides at Washington, Pa.

John M. Allison received his education in the Cook district school in Canton Township, and when eighteen years old went to work on the farm and continued there until he came to Canonsburg. For two years afterward he was engaged in the transfer business, but for three years past he has been associated with Oliver Paxton in the livestock industry and the firm has prospered. In State and National politics, Mr. Allison is a Republican, but is liberal in his views in local affairs. He has been a member of the council of South Canonsburg for some time and takes a lively interest in all that concerns the public welfare of his fellow citizens and the good name of his city.

On January 5, 1893, Mr. Allison was married to Miss Etta Magill, a daughter of William T. and Mary Margaret (Marquis) Magill, of Hopewell Township. The father of Mrs. Allison now resides in Cross Creek Township, aged sixty-nine years, but the mother died April 18, 1885, in her thirty-ninth year. The children of William T. Magill and wife were: Chauncey Byron, who married Ella Dodds, is a Presbyterian minister residing at Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. Allison; Sarah Blanche, who married Rev. Donald Rankin Montgomery, of Cle Elum, Wash.; Elder G. W., who married C. M. Hunter, of Monongahela City; Mary E.; Frank, who is a dentist in practice at Washington; Bertha E., who married Louis A. Maxwell, of Buffalo village; and Harry M., who died on November 5, 1908, at the age of twenty-six years. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Allison were Samuel and Sarah Magill and they were early settlers in Cross Creek Township. The maternal grandparents were William and Letitia Marquis. Mr. and Mrs. Allison are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg.

W. A. BAIRD, secretary of the Washington Trust Company, of Washington, Pa., and one of the city's enterprising business men, was born at Washington, in 1868, and is a son of John Baird.

The Baird family is one of old established importance in Washington County. The late John Baird was born here and was a citizen of large means and public usefulness. He was identified with various business interests and was a large dealer in wool.

W. A. Baird was reared at Washington, and from the public schools entered Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1889. On the organization of the Dime Savings Company, he accepted the position of assistant treasurer and when it was turned over, five years later, to the Title, Guarantee and Trust Company, he continued in the same capacity for four years. This financial institution was then merged into the Washington Trust Company, and since that time, Mr. Baird has been trust officer, secretary and assistant treasurer of this corporation. He is widely known in financial circles and is an astute man of business.

In 1898, Mr. Baird was married to Miss Sue B. Harvey, of Washington, and they have two children, George and Esther. Mr. Baird takes no very active part in politics, but uses his influence in support of good government.

JAMES D. HUSTON, a prominent business citizen of Lone Pine, Pa., who has been engaged in mercantile pursuits at this place and in other business enterprises, since 1869, and has also served some years as postmaster, was born at Washington, Pa., August 4, 1835, and is a son of Cyrus and Nancy B. (Ditto) Huston.

Cyrus Huston, father of James was born in Washington, Washington County, and during his early married life resided at Washington and then moved to Pittsburg, but there engaged in the brokerage business for a time, but subsequently returned to Washington, where he died in the '60's. The family was one well known there and the old Huston Inn was a landmark, the owner and proprietor being the grandfather, William B. Huston. Cyrus Huston married Nancy B. Ditto, who was born in Maryland and died while back on a visit to her native State.

James D. Huston attended school at different points, at one time being a student of an academy in Knox County, Ohio, after which he accepted a position as clerk in a store at Washington and later worked in the same capacity in Pittsburg. In 1858 he embarked in the mercantile business for himself, locating at Amity, Pa., where he conducted a general store until 1869. At that time he removed to Lone Pine, which name was accepted for the village which had been formerly called Pleasant Valley. The place was not unfamiliar to the general public as it was the site of the Pleasant Valley Academy, a somewhat pretentious educational establishment of that

time. In 1870, Mr. Huston became postmaster and continued in office for some years, having previously been postmaster for a time at Amity, and he filled that office until President Cleveland's first administration. Mr. Huston is one of the older business men at Lone Pine, and he has been identified with much of the material progress made at the place. He has not sought political offices, but he has taken an active interest in the real development of the town and in his public efforts has endeavored to secure rules and ordinances which will ensure it continuing the pleasant law-abiding section that it is. He casts his vote with the Republican party.

Mr. Huston, in April, 1860, married Miss Rosetta Hughes, a daughter of the late James Hughes, of Amity, Pa., and three of their five children survive, namely: Daisy, now Mrs. Huber and residing at Los Angeles, Calif.; Jessie E., wife of E. V. Kerr, residing at Washington; and Harry H., a resident of Lone Pine, Pa. Mr. Huston is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with the Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge at Lone Pine.

JOHN V. H. COOK, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, where he is identified with numerous important interests, was born on his father's farm situated on the Washington and Pittsburg turnpike road, in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., May 25, 1837. His parents were Samuel R. and Mary (Hughey) Cook.

The Cooks came to Pennsylvania from New England, where the family was founded by English settlers prior to the Revolutionary War, in which they participated. The paternal grandfather, John M. Cook, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Samuel R. Cook was born in 1804, in Amwell Township, near Ten-Mile village, Washington County, Pa., and in the following year was taken to Knox County, Ohio, by his parents. There his father took up government land and lived during the remainder of his life. Of his children, Samuel R. was the oldest, the others bearing the following names: Matilda, Amy, Abigail, Mercer, Alpheus, Isaac Newton and Joseph A., all born in Ohio and all now deceased. In 1824, Samuel R. Cook came to Canonsburg as a student in Jefferson College and thereafter made his home in Washington County. He taught school for several years and then went into the coal business, in which he continued to be more or less interested during the whole of his active life. He died in 1887, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Mary Hughey, who died in 1845. There were three sons and four daughters born to them: Nancy, who is now deceased, was the wife of James L. McClelland, of Canonsburg; Ann, who married Alexander Small, deceased, did not long survive her husband; John V. H.; Sarah, who is the wife of John Donaldson, of Canonsburg; Elizabeth, who is

the widow of Henry Sheaff, lives at Canonsburg; Samuel R., who was a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Res., in the Civil War, was killed by guerillas at Manassas Junction; and Joseph A., who lives in Westmoreland County, Pa.

By the time John V. H. Cook was thirteen years of age, he was considered old enough to begin working in the coal mines and his school days then closed. He continued work in the mines in Washington County all through his youth with the exception of one year, 1856-6, that he spent on a farm situated between Richmond and Danville, Va. When the call sounded over the country for soldiers to come to the front to suppress rebellion, Mr. Cook was one of the earliest to respond, enlisting on April 27, 1861, in Co. D, 10th Pa. Res., and he honorably wore the Federal blue through over three years of faithful service. He participated in many frightful battles, including Fredericksburg, Richmond, Antietam and Gettysburg and was in the battle at Drainesville, in the winter of 1861, where the Union forces gained their first encouragement. He carried out of the army the mark of but one slight wound although on several occasions he came so near to death, that his clothing, even his stockings, were pierced with bullets. He was honorably discharged and mustered out in June, 1864. Mr. Cook is a valued comrade of Paxton Post, G. A. R., at Canonsburg.

After his military duties were thus honorably and patriotically performed, Mr. Cook returned to Canonsburg and engaged in the coal business and in mining until 1902, retiring from that industry then and taking up real estate interests. He has various valuable investments, being a director in the Citizens' Trust Company at Canonsburg; is interested in the North Strabane Water Works Company, of Canonsburg, and also with the Cecl Improvement Company of this place, in which he is a director, and he was one of the organizers of the Tin Plate Mill at Canonsburg. A frugal, abstemious and industrious life, has brought its natural results.

Mr. Cook was married (first) to Miss Sarah J. Coleman, a daughter of Jacob Coleman, who moved from Washington County to Carroll County, Ohio. She died in March 1905. To this union were born five sons and four daughters. Rowley M. married Miss Clara McNary, a resident of Washington and they have one son, George. Samuel C. married Miss Emma Brown. They reside in Washington and have three children: Paul P., Adaline and Olga Jean. John married Nina Sefton in the West and now resides at Meadowlands. George H. was accidentally killed on the railroad. Willis died in infancy. Elizabeth resides at home. Mary married John Cornell and they live in Ohio and have one son, Riley Cook. Catherine, unmarried, is a practicing physician at Canonsburg. Anna married J. Stanley McMichael, an engineer, and their home at present is in Idaho. They have



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two children: Coleman and Francis. In 1907, Mr. Cook was married (second) to Miss Elizabeth Weaver, a native of Canonsburg and a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Weaver. The family home is a handsome residence that Mr. Cook built on West College street.

In politics, Mr. Cook is identified with the Republican party, but he is liberal in his views. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having united with this body fully fifty-two years ago, and he is serving as a trustee and steward. He numbers almost all the good people of Canonsburg as his acquaintances and among these he finds a wide circle of friends, many of whom have known him from boyhood.

**WILLIAM DONLEY**, manager of the Donley Brick Company, an important business concern of Washington, Pa., has been identified with the brick business through his whole business career. Aside from business, Mr. Donley is also a representative citizen of Washington County. He was born at Washington, August 23, 1869, and is a son of S. B. Donley.

William Donley was reared and educated at Washington. Immediately upon leaving school he engaged in brick manufacturing and has become so well known in this line of work that he has won the reputation of an expert and has visited many sections of the United States in order to test clays and soils and give advice on brick manufacturing. For two years he was the manager of the Washington Brick Company and for eight years has been manager of the Donley Brick Company. In matters of a public nature, Mr. Donley has been more or less prominent in the city of Washington for a number of years. He is a Democratic leader and in 1908 was his party's choice of candidate for mayor, of East Washington.

In 1889, Mr. Donley was married to Miss Elizabeth Archibald, who was born in Mercer County, Pa., and is a daughter of the late J. W. Archibald. Mr. and Mrs. Donley have three children: John R., who is a graduate of the Washington high school; and Claud W. and Juanita. With his family he belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church, for five years has been a member of the board of vestrymen, and for two years junior warden. He is identified with the Masons and is a past officer of the order of Heptasephes.

**ABEL W. SHIPE**, whose fine farm of 108 acres lies in a desirable section of Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., is one of the well known residents of this neighborhood, his birth having taken place in Amwell Township, September 26, 1839, and his interests having always been rested here. His parents were George W. and Elizabeth (Moninger) Shipe.

George W. Shipe was born in Washington County,

Pa., a son of John Shipe, who came as an early settler to Amwell Township from the vicinity of Philadelphia. Subsequently he went as a soldier in the War of 1812 and was killed there when his son George was young. The latter spent his life in Washington County and became a man of standing in Amwell Township, at times serving in school offices and taking part in township discussions and business of a public nature. In politics he was a Whig. He married Elizabeth Moninger, who was born in Coshocton County, Ohio. They were both worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their children the following survive: Abel W.; George W., who lives in South Strabane Township; Emma D., who is the widow of Jacob Beck and resides at Washington; Elizabeth, who married George Guthery, lives in South Strabane Township; Belle, who married Robert Darlington, lives at Washington; and Elzena, who married Frederick Kenemond, of West Virginia.

Abel W. Shipe had but few educational opportunities in his youth and in large measure is a self-educated man. He was early started to work on his father's farm and when eighteen years of age was capable of judging and buying stock as advantageously as old men in the business, and for many years he devoted a large portion of his effort to dealing in livestock. For some years, however, he has engaged exclusively in farming.

On March 6, 1862, Mr. Shipe was married to Miss Sarah J. Watson, a daughter of the late William Watson, of Amwell Township, and to them seven children have been born, as follows: Orlando G., who lives in South Strabane Township; William F., who lives at New Castle, Pa.; Sheldon G.; Wiley; Etta B., who is the wife of John McCarty, of Washington County; Alice, who is the wife of Wilbert Donley, of Hopewell Township; and Lulu, who is the wife of Daniel Day, of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Shipe are consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Shipe has been a trustee for twenty years. He has never been much concerned about political matters and has never accepted any office but that of school director, in which he served acceptably for two terms.

**MOSES RIDDELL ALLEN**, one of Washington's esteemed citizens, now living retired in his pleasant home at No. 129 North avenue, has spent a half century in Washington County. He was born near New Athens, Harrison Co., Ohio, July 19, 1842, and removed with his father to Burgettstown, Washington County, in 1849. He is a son of John McMillan Allen and a grandson of Rev. Moses Allen.

The Allens were established in Washington County when the grandfather, Rev. Moses Allen, was born. He became a man of power in the Presbyterian ministry, and for twenty-two years served as pastor of the Rae-

coon Presbyterian Church of Washington County. He married Catherine McMillan, the youngest daughter of Rev. John McMillan, D.D., who was the first settled Presbyterian minister west of the Alleghany Mountains, coming to Washington County on August 25, 1775. His grandson, Moses Riddell Allen, preserves many of his old manuscripts, also his old watch, and an oil portrait. John McMillan Allen, son of Rev. Moses and Catherine Allen, married Margaret Ann Riddell, a daughter of Rev. John Riddell, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Robinson Run, Allegheny County, for many years. To this marriage one child was born, Moses Riddell.

Moses Riddell Allen was educated in the public schools of Harrison County, Ohio, Franklin College and Cross Creek Academy, after which he engaged in teaching and farming. In 1881 he founded the "Burgettstown Call." at Burgettstown, Washington County, where he was subsequently elected Burgess. He was elected clerk of the courts of Washington County in 1887 and re-elected in 1890, served also as census enumerator in 1880, and as a member of the school board, and also was a justice of the peace for a number of years. Mr. Allen still holds official position, being transcribing clerk of the Pennsylvania State Legislature of 1909.

In 1864, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Ellen M. Dougherty, of Burgettstown, a daughter of John and Abigail (Cannon) Dougherty, the latter of whom was a great-granddaughter of John Cannon, the founder of Canonsburg, Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, have had six children. The only survivor is Harper Riddell Allen, who is a ledger clerk in the Southwest Pipe Line Company of Pittsburg. Mr. Allen and wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he is a deacon. He has been an active member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

CHARLES VAN KIRK, one of Amwell Township's most substantial citizens, a large farmer and successful stock raiser, resides on his valuable farm of 250 acres, where he was born October 22, 1833. His honored parents were Capt. Joseph and Eliza (Corwin) Van Kirk.

Capt. Joseph Van Kirk, familiarly known as "Captain Joe," acquired his title on account of commanding a militia company in early manhood. He was a life-long resident of Amwell Township and was a prominent man in Washington County for many years, serving as a county commissioner and also as a director of the poor. His father, Jacob Van Kirk, was born in New Jersey, of Holland ancestry, and came from there among the early settlers to Washington County. Capt. Van Kirk was a strong supporter of the old Democracy and reared his sons in the same political faith. He survived until August 25, 1878. He married Eliza Corwin and three of their children survive: Charles; Ann, wife of John

Van Kirk, of Silver City, Iowa; and Sarah, widow of Joseph Van Kirk, of South Franklin Township.

Charles Van Kirk attended the district schools near his father's farm when opportunity offered, in his boyhood, but in his youth work was considered beneficial for growing lads and he early began to learn the details of agricultural labor. He has survived healthfully many of those who early left the free out-door life of the farm for the close offices of the city and his material success has been more than satisfactory. He owns farms and stock and has other valuable investments.

On October 23, 1873, Mr. Van Kirk was married to Miss Mary J. McKinney, who was born in Amwell Township, and is a daughter of Winder and Mary M. (Couch) McKinney, the parents both being natives of Washington County. The grandfather, John McKinney was an early settler, coming from New Jersey and being of Scotch-Irish extraction. Mrs. Van Kirk has two surviving brothers and one sister: Benjamin F.; Catherine, who is the widow of Samuel Quail; and Abraham, all of whom live at Washington, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk have one son, Allison, O., who resides at home. Mrs. Van Kirk is a valued member of the Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church at Van Kirk Station and is an active member of the Home Missionary Society.

R. W. PARKINSON, JR., one of the leading younger members of the Washington County bar and a resident of Washington for the past fourteen years, was born in 1872, in Morris Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of Capt. R. W. Parkinson.

Capt. Parkinson was born in Morris Township, on the same farm on which he now resides, in 1835, and is a son of Robert Parkinson, who was one of the early settlers. Capt. Parkinson is a large farmer and sheep raiser and a heavy dealer in wool. He served one term in the State Legislature and has acceptably filled a number of township offices. He was captain of Co. K, 10th Pa. Cav., during the Civil War, is widely known, and is one of the county's representative citizens.

Robert Parkinson, Jr., was reared in Morris Township and attended the Sparta school until 1889, when he entered Waynesburg College, from which he was graduated in 1894. He then registered as a law student in the office of John W. Dorman at Washington, where he pursued his law studies for one year and then entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, as a special student. He gave attention to common law, pleading, evidence, torts and corporation law for one year and then returned to Mr. Dorman for another year, was admitted to the bar of Washington County, and on September 1, 1895, commenced to practice. He now has a substantial clientage and has been successful in cases before both the Superior and Supreme

Courts. He has valuable business interests aside from his profession, one of these being the coal industry.

On May 30, 1900, Mr. Parkinson was married to Miss Birdie Flack, of Washington, who was born and reared in Buffalo Township and is a daughter of Salem Flack. Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson have two children: Naomi Jean and Odell Flack. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church, in which Mrs. Parkinson was soprano soloist for a number of years. Mr. Parkinson is very much interested in Sunday school work, is a teacher in the Bellevue Sunday school and formerly was superintendent of the Elm Street and also the Bellevue schools. Both professionally and personally, Mr. Parkinson is held in esteem.

SAMUEL L. HAZLETT, who, for over twenty consecutive years was a member of the Independent School district in South Franklin Township, and during this time frequently president of this public body, belongs to an old Washington County family. He was born in South Franklin Township, Washington Co., Pa., April 21, 1863, and is a son of William and Margaret (Dickerson) Hazlett.

The grandfather, Samuel Hazlett, was a very early settler in South Franklin Township and here William Hazlett was born and here he died, in 1900. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser and was a man of worth in every position in life. In his political sentiments he was a Republican but he never sought political prominence, accepting only local offices which had reference to the management of the school district in which he lived. He was a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church at Prosperity. Of the children born to his first marriage, the following survive: Jennie R., who is the wife of L. C. Hamilton, of Barberton, Ohio; Addison, who lives in Amwell Township; Caroline M., who is the wife of W. S. McClenathan, of Amwell Township; William, who resides in South Franklin Township; and Samuel L., of Amwell Township.

Samuel L. Hazlett obtained his education in the public schools and during almost all his life has been engaged in farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep, at one time having as many as 400 in one flock. He remained on the old homestead farm for many years and for some years past it has been his own property. It is a valuable tract of 145 acres and it lies in a very desirable part of South Franklin Township. Mr. Hazlett continued to reside on his property until 1908, when he removed to Judge Chambers' Station, in Amwell Township, on the W. & W. Railroad. This station which gives its name to the hamlet, was built on a part of the late Judge Chambers' land and it was named in his honor, he having been a very prominent citizen and an associate judge.

On October 21, 1896, Mr. Hazlett was married to Miss Margaret Chambers, a daughter of the late John Chambers, of Amwell Township and a granddaughter of the late Judge John C. Chambers, and to them have been born one daughter, Bessie M. Mr. Hazlett and family belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican.

J. F. BRISTOR, who is engaged in a real estate business at Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city for the past twenty-one years and has been identified with many of the agencies that have contributed to her development. He was born in Richhill Township, Greene County, Pa., in 1856.

Mr. Bristor enjoyed excellent educational advantages in his youth and attended the high school at Cameron, W. Va., and later the Wind Ridge Academy. He then became interested in farming and continued his agricultural pursuits in Greene County until 1886, when he became a resident of Washington. For some seven years he engaged in teaching prior to embarking in his present real estate business, with which he combines fire insurance, and has established a reputation for reliability that places him with the leading business men of the city. In politics a Republican, he has frequently been elected to city offices on that ticket and served most efficiently as county auditor for three years and as a member of the school board for two years, being secretary of the latter body.

On February 18, 1877, Mr. Bristor was married to Miss Virginia Houston, and they have five children, namely: Emmett A., who is circulating manager of the "Observer" and "Reporter," morning and evening daily papers at Washington; Olive M., who is the wife of Otto F. Dagne, who has a home on Allison avenue, Washington, and is connected with the auditor's office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg; Nannie E., formerly a teacher in the new Seventh Ward school, is now the wife of Byron Post, who maintains a home on Allison avenue, Washington, and is assistant purchasing agent for the Pittsburg Gage and Supply Co.; Nellie Virginia, who is a member of the junior class in the Washington high school; and Ethel Grace, who has completed the eighth grade work in the Third Ward school. Mr. Bristor and all his family are members of the First Christian Church, in which he is a deacon and is also vice-president of the official board.

JOHN PAXTON, deceased, was well known to the citizens of Washington County, Pa., where he lived all his life. He was for many years engaged in butchering and stock dealing, and was a very prosperous business man. His family is an old one of the county, dating back to the year 1782, when his father, John Paxton, Sr., arrived from York County, Pa.

John Paxton, Sr., was a native of York County, as was also his wife, who in early life made the journey across the mountains to Washington County, on horseback. They were married here, and some time after located on a farm in what is now Canton Township, a part of which is now owned by the Paxton brothers, and here they lived until their respective deaths. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, who married Jane Mills, had eight children—John G., Samuel, Martha, Mary, Nancy, Isaac, Thomas and Minnie; Eliza, who became the wife of John Nesbit and lived on a farm in Charters, where both died without issue; Isaac Samuel, who married a Miss Harsha, had two sons and one daughter; and John.

John Paxton, Jr., was born in Canton Township, Washington Co., Pa., September 10, 1810, and was young when his parents moved to Charters Township. There he spent his youthful days in work upon his father's farm, and at the age of sixteen years went to Washington Borough, where he learned the trade of a saddler and harness maker, which he followed exclusively until 1856. He then embarked in the butchering and stock dealing business, which he followed with uninterrupted success for many years. He was a man of unusual energy and business sagacity, and everything to which he turned his hand brought forth results. It is said that when a small boy, he and a sister raised a crop of oats, threshed them with a flail, and carried them on horseback to Washington, where they were sold. It was ever thus with him, an eye to his opportunities and the energy and ability to avail himself of them. He was reared to hard work, and even in the days of his advanced age he was not content to be idle and enjoy the fruits of his years of toil.

John Paxton was joined in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth (Wilson) Power, a daughter of Henry and Jane (Dill) Wilson, who lived on a farm in South Strabane Township. The father of Mrs. Paxton was born in Ireland. Her mother, Jane (Dill) Wilson, was a daughter of Thomas Dill, the latter of whom was a minister. Mrs. Wilson had one sister, Mrs. Doke. The Wilsons were of the Presbyterian faith. Mrs. Paxton was born December 10, 1809, and was one of six children born to her parents, as follows: Dill, who was a farmer; Mathew, a saddler and harness maker; Thomas, who graduated from Jefferson College and then studied theology, became a Presbyterian minister, married Margaret Sanders, of Baltimore, and they had two sons, Morris and Calvin D., both of whom are Presbyterian ministers; Samuel J., who was a graduate of Washington College and Allegheny Theological Seminary, was at the time of his death professor of theology in the latter institution, and had three children—Robert D., who was a lawyer; Catherine and Jane; Jane who became the

wife of Louis Guthrie; and Elizabeth, who first married Mr. Power and subsequently became the wife of John Paxton. As a result of her first marriage, Mrs. Paxton had two daughters: Margaret and Anna. Margaret Power became the wife of Thomas Bell, who went to California in 1852, during the gold fever, and died there in 1855. She died June 6, 1889, leaving a daughter, Anna Bell. Anna Power became the wife of David Hart, and for some years they made their home with William H. and Oliver L. Paxton, in Canonsburg.

John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Paxton became parents of nine children, as follows: Wilson N.; Thomas Paxton, who was a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., enlisting in April, 1861, was killed while doing picket duty at Spottsylvania, May 9, 1864; Mary Jane Paxton, who died January 24, 1890, unmarried; John R.; William Hosack Paxton, who is a prominent business man of Canonsburg; Oliver L., who was born March 23, 1848, and became a man of affairs at Canonsburg; Mary E., who married Rev. W. F. Conner, a Methodist minister of Johnstown, Pa., and has two daughters, Mabel and Bessie; and Mathew H. Paxton.

Wilson N. Paxton, oldest son of John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Paxton, was graduated from Jefferson College in 1856, and then went to the South and engaged in school teaching. He returned to Canonsburg and took up the study of law; after his admission to the bar in Allegheny County, he engaged in practice at Pittsburgh until the Civil War was in progress. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served three years as second lieutenant, and was mustered out of the service with the rank of captain. He was taken prisoner on the second day of the battle of Gettysburg, and for twenty months was incarcerated in Libby and other prisons. He was united in marriage with Miss Emily J. Newkirk.

John R. Paxton, fourth child of John and Elizabeth Paxton, was a member of the junior class in Jefferson College at the commencement of the Civil War, and in 1861 he enlisted in Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., under Capt. Frazier, who had been a professor in Jefferson College. Mr. Paxton served until the close of the war, and then re-entered Jefferson College, from which he was graduated with honors. He subsequently attended and was graduated from Allegheny Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary, after which he was ordained to the ministry. His first charge was at Churchville, Md., after which he was stationed successively at Harrisburg, Pa., Washington, D. C., and New York City. He was united in marriage with Mary L. Lindsay, of Allegheny, and they became the parents of four children.

William Hosack Paxton, the fifth child of John and Elizabeth Paxton, was born March 9, 1846, attended school with his brothers and sisters and went to work





GEORGE L. JOHNSON

when fifteen years of age at the butchering and live stock business. On April 1, 1861, he entered Jefferson College as a student, but when Fort Sumter was fired on and three of his brothers enlisted for the war, he gave up his idea of securing a collegiate training and went home to assist his father in supporting the family. He developed business faculties before unsuspected. In 1875, with a half dozen associates, he started a savings bank at Canonsburg, there being no organization of that kind prior to this, and he has been connected with the banking business ever since and at present is president and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Canonsburg. In 1883 he became interested in the Canonsburg Steel and Iron business and is serving in the office of treasurer of the Canonsburg Steel & Iron Works Company. In 1885, he was one of the five original promoters of the Manufacturers' National Gas Company, a concern that at first had a capital of \$300,000, which has been increased to \$25,000,000. For the last twenty years, Mr. Paxton has been interested in oil production. He and his brother Oliver, with Capt. David Hart and wife, reside at No. 68 East Pike street, Canonsburg.

Mathew H. Paxton, youngest child of John and Elizabeth Paxton, was born in 1854, and attended Jefferson Academy. He subsequently attended Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., and upon leaving that institution was appointed an assistant paymaster of the United States Government under Maj. Keefer, the duties of which position necessitated his travelling through the northwest and southwest parts of this country. He resigned this position because of his dislike for travel and located at Walla Walla, Wash., where he owns land and is extensively engaged in the real estate business. He there served three terms as county-assessor and appraiser. Prior to locating in that city, where he was married, he was stationed for a time at Newport, Ky.

John Paxton and his estimable wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. She died October 29, 1858, and was survived by him many years, he dying December 24, 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-one. They were representative people of the time when the lake string was always out, and hospitality was extended alike to neighbor, friend and stranger.

GEORGE L. JOHNSON, dealer in real estate and mortgages at Canonsburg, Pa., is a representative of an old Washington County family, which, through intermarriage, is also connected with other old and representative families. He was born in Cross Creek village, Cross Creek Township, this county, and is a son of John Gibson and Anna K. (Morrison) Johnson.

The paternal grandfather, John Johnson, was born in 1802, in North Strabane Township, Washington County.

where his father, Richard Johnson, had been a very early settler. A large part of the life of John Johnson was spent at Canonsburg, where he died in 1884. He married Rebecca Van Eman, who survived him for about two years, dying in her seventy-sixth year. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Logan) Van Eman. To John and Rebecca Johnson three sons were born, namely: Richard Van Eman, who now resides at Washington, Pa.; Joseph Bradford, who was a soldier in the Civil War and now resides at Canonsburg; and John Gibson, father of George L.

John Gibson Johnson was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, and died at Canonsburg, in 1902, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a dealer in stocks, bonds and real estate and in association with John L. Cockins, laid out the Cockins and Johnson plan of lots in South Canonsburg and continued active in business until the close of his life. He married Anna K. Morrison, who was born in Chartiers Township, a daughter of William Morrison. Her father was a pioneer resident of Chartiers Township whose ancestors came with the influx of Presbyterians from Scotland prior to 1689. The family name Morrison had belonged to a clan in Scotland from an early period. James, father of William, inherited that portion of the homestead upon which his father lived and died. After the formation of Washington County he was commissioned as a captain of a company organized to defend the settlers against savage foes. He was also a member of the first board of trustees of the Chartiers Presbyterian Church. The portion that William inherited is still in the possession of his grandchildren, James G. Morrison and Anna K. (Morrison) Johnson and his great grandson, George L. Johnson.

Mrs. Anna (Morrison) Johnson had four sisters: Sarah, Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth, all now deceased. Mrs. Johnson was the youngest of the family and she and her brother, James G. Morrison, who resides at Washington, are the only survivors. To John Gibson Johnson and wife four children were born, of whom three now are living: George L., William M. and Ernest Q., all residents of Canonsburg.

George L. Johnson first attended school in Canonsburg, later entered Jefferson Academy there, and subsequently was a student in Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, completing his school attendance in 1899. For the seven following years he was engaged in the furniture business with the firm of Thomas & Co., at Pittsburg, since when he has been interested in the real estate business at Canonsburg, where the family has resided since 1893. He handles lots and makes investments, doing a regular real estate and mortgage business. Mr. Johnson is a capable and successful business man. He is a member of the Young Men's Tariff Club, of Pittsburg. He takes no very active interest in politics, but

votes with the Republican party. In religion he is a United Presbyterian.

DAVID C. VESTER, one of Washington's leading citizens, vice-president of the general contracting and lumber firm of Vester, Stewart & Russell, was born in 1855, in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa. His venerable father, John F. Vester, celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on November 14, 1909. He was born in Germany and came to Washington County in 1844, following the cabinet-making trade at first. Later he went into a general contracting business which he continued through his active years.

David C. Vester was about one year old when his parents came to Washington and after completing his school attendance he learned the carpenter trade with his father, with whom, and a brother, he was associated for a number of years. About 1889 he entered into a partnership with Stewart & Russell, the firm becoming Vester, Stewart & Russell, in a general contracting business. Later a planing mill was bought and lumber yards purchased and still later the interests of the concern were increased by the addition of coal, lime, cement and builders' supplies. Of this firm, H. B. Russell is president; David C. Vester, vice-president, and A. J. Stewart is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Vester has many additional business interests.

In 1877, Mr. Vester was married to Miss Sarah E. Fleming, of Fairmont, W. Va., and to them have been born the following children: Nellie, who is the wife of George Mosely, a druggist at Pittsburg; Mary, who is the wife of Simon Hamilton, a railroad man; Gertrude, who is bookkeeper for the firm of Vester, Stewart & Russell; Anna B., who is also connected with this company; David M., who is a machinist with the Atlas Glass Company; Frederick, who is in the employ of the firm of Vester, Stewart & Russell as a carpenter; and Hazel, Bryan, Stewart and John W., Jr. Mr. Vester's family attend the Presbyterian Church. He has always been actively interested in public affairs, particularly those pertaining to city and county. He has served three terms in the city council from the Fourth Ward and he was chairman of the Democratic City Committee in 1905 when that party elected both its mayor and treasurer. Mr. Vester has been an Odd Fellow for thirty-one years and has the first veteran jewel presented to any member of the order in Washington. He is identified with National Lodge, No. 51, and is also a member of the Encampment, of which he is at present scribe. He has served as district deputy grand master of the lower branch and also as deputy of the Encampment. He is a charter member and treasurer of Hancock Lodge, No. 231, Knights of Pythias and for three years was colonel of the Sixth Regiment Uniform Rank. He is also a

charter member of the Eagles and was president of the Washington lodge and was its representative at the national meeting at Milwaukee. Mr. Vester additionally is a charter member of the Red Men and a charter member of the Royal Order of Moose, instituting that lodge and being its representative to the grand lodge. He belongs also to Chestnut Ridge Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. For twelve years Mr. Vester was a member of Co. H, 10th Pa. N. G. at Washington, commanding his company for several years and when he resigned was its first duty sergeant.

WILLIAM S. MCCLENATHAN, a successful farmer and stock raiser, residing on his valuable estate of 150 acres of well improved land, was born on his present farm in Amwell Township, Washington Co., Pa., January 9, 1858, and is a son of John and Rachel (Carter) McClenathan, the former of whom was born in Amwell Township and spent the larger part of his life here engaged in farm pursuits and died on the place now owned by his son, William S., in 1878. His father was also John McClenathan and he was the first of the family to come to this part of Washington County and almost all of his children located permanently in Amwell Township. He came directly to this township from England, with two brothers, but the descent is Irish. The McClenathan family has always been an agricultural one and among it have, in every generation, been found men of the right quality to elect to offices of trust and responsibility in their communities. John McClenathan the second, was no exception to the rule, and he proved a useful citizen of Amwell Township. He was twice married. The mother of William S. McClenathan was born at Hart's Mill, in Amwell Township and was a daughter of John Carter, Esq., a pioneer settler and for many years a justice of the peace. The following children of John McClenathan survive: Mary E., who is the widow of John C. Van Kirk, late of Amwell Township; Thomas F., who lives in California; John C., who is a prominent physician at Connelville, Fayette County, Pa.; and William S. John McClenathan was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church at Amity.

William S. McClenathan has been a continuous resident of Amwell Township and since his school days has devoted himself to farming and stock raising. On April 6, 1886, he was married to Miss Caroline M. Hazlett, daughter of William Hazlett, now of South Franklin Township, and they have three children: John W., Harold W. and James P. Mr. McClenathan is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Amity and is also associated with the Union Chapel at Sunset, of which he was one of the founders and in which he served some years as Sunday-school superintendent. He is a Prohibitionist in his views on public questions.



SAMUEL R. FENNER, paying teller of the Washington Trust Company, of Washington, Pa., who, since coming to this city some eight years back, has made both business and personal friends by the score, was born at Ashley, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was educated at Wilkes barre, in the same county.

Mr. Fenner first started in business as an employee of the New Jersey Central Railroad, at Ashley, where he remained for two years. In 1901 he came to Washington and was associated with the Perfection Glass Company until September, 1907, when he came to the Washington Trust Company, with which he has been identified ever since, serving in different positions until, in April, 1909, he became paying teller of this institution.

Mr. Fenner attends the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 164, F. and A. M.; of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and he belongs also to the exclusive Bassett Club, at Washington.

WILLIAM B. RISBECK, proprietor of Hotel Lawrence at Donora, Pa., who has been a resident of Donora, since October, 1905, was born on the old home farm in Red Stone Township, Fayette Co., Pa., March 6, 1871, and is a son of John M. and Nancy (Hess) Risbeck.

John M. Risbeck was born in Germany and when three years of age came to this country with his parents, John Lott Risbeck and wife, who first located in Fayette County, Pa. In a short time they removed to Iowa, where they spent five years. The family then returned to Fayette County, Pa., where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and died on the farm on which he had resided forty years. John M. Risbeck, was married in Fayette County, Pa., to Nancy Hess, a daughter of Matthias Hess, who was one of the early settlers of Fayette county, and of their union were born three children: George W., who is a resident of Charleroi, of which he was elected Burgess in February, 1909; William B., our subject; and Walter L., who resides at Star Junction, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Risbeck are still residents of Fayette County.

William B. Risbeck was reared on the farm and obtained his educational training in the district schools of Redstone Township, Fayette County, remaining under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when he went to Uniontown, Pa., where he learned the undertaking business with Claggett & Johnson, with whom he remained four years. He then entered the employ of the Pittsburg Brewing Company at Bellevue, Pa., where he had charge of that branch of the business for seven years, and in October, 1905, came to Donora as manager of the Donora Brewing Company of which he was in charge for two years and three months. Since December

15, 1908, he has been the proprietor of Hotel Lawrence, which is located on the corner of 8th and McKean streets, and is a three-story brick structure containing twenty-four rooms.

Mr. Risbeck was united in marriage October 15, 1891, with Leah Gadd, who is a granddaughter of Stephen I. Gadd, of Fayette County, Pa. Mr. Risbeck is fraternally a member of the Masonic order at Donora, and a life member of the B. P. O. E., of Charleroi.

ERWIN CUMMINS, one of the younger members of the Washington bar, who is a practitioner not only in the local courts but in the Supreme and Superior Courts of the State, has been a resident of this borough for three years. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., in 1880, and is a son of A. W. Cummins.

The Cummins family was established in Washington County at a very early day by the great-grandfather who came to America from Scotland. A. W. Cummins, father of Erwin, has spent his whole life in this county and is now a respected resident of Houston.

Erwin Cummins gained his preparatory education in the country schools and then entered Westminster College, where he was graduated in 1901. He immediately entered the law department of the University of Pittsburgh and was there graduated in 1905, and was admitted to the Allegheny County bar. Three months later he was also admitted to the Washington County bar and has been in active practice at Washington ever since and has proved himself an able and thoroughly trained lawyer.

In politics, Mr. Cummins is a Republican and fraternally he is a Mason. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Houston.

D. H. SWART, postmaster at Hackney, Pa., and proprietor of a general store at this place, is one of the representative citizens of Amwell Township, Washington County. He was born in Morris Township, Greene County, Pa., Oct. 1, 1858, and is a son of Jonathan W. and Sarah (Sermon) Swart.

The paternal grandfather, Philip Swart, came to Amwell Township from New Jersey, among the earliest settlers in this section and reared a family that possesses many of the admirable qualities of its German ancestry. Jonathan W. Swart was born and reared in Amwell Township. He married Sarah Sermon, who was born in Greene County, Pa., and they resided for a time in Greene County, but later settled permanently in Amwell Township and here Jonathan W. Swart died in 1903. He engaged in farming and also operated a grist-mill. He was a Republican, but the only public office he ever accepted was that of school director. Of his children, the following survive: William M., who resides at Amity; Adaline, who is the widow of Dr. William McCollum,

formerly of Haneytown, W. Va., now resides in Ohio; Amos P., who lives at Washington; and David Herman, of Hackney.

David H. Swart was about 9 years old when his father removed to Amwell Township, his mother having died previously in Greene County, and here he was reared and was educated in the public schools. Prior to establishing himself at Hackney, Mr. Swart conducted a grist-mill for a number of years and also engaged in the mercantile business at Rosella village, of which he was postmaster until the office was discontinued with the introduction of the rural mail delivery. On Oct. 1, 1904, he embarked in business at Hackney, at which time he was appointed postmaster. He is a popular official and the convenience of having their trading place at the same location as their postoffice, is greatly appreciated by the farmers living in the vicinity of the village. Mr. Swart is an experienced merchant and keeps an excellent stock which he buys with a direct regard for the demands of his customers. He has other interests and duties, being an agent at this point for the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad Company and also for the Adams Express Company.

Mr. Swart was married to Miss Nannie C. Van Dyke, a daughter of Andrew Van Dyke, of Amity, Pa., and they have had nine children born to them, as follows: William M., residing at Aleppo, Pa.; Ernest V., in the employ of the W. & W. Railroad Company; James W., in the employ of the same company; Annie M., wife of Omar Canger, of Amity; and Goldie S., Leroy, Winnie, Mabel and Walneita. Mr. Swart and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Amity. He is a Republican.

C. V. HARDING, one of the leading real estate men of Washington, Pa., was born in this city in 1856, and is a son of Vachel Harding, who came here from Maryland in the 50's. He was identified with the dry goods trade and with other lines during his active years and died about 1902. He married Ann Le Moyne.

C. V. Harding was reared at Washington and was educated in the public schools, and later Washington and Jefferson College, graduating from the latter in the Class of 1877. At that time his father had large coal interests and he entered into the coal business with him, in which he continued for some years and at the end of that time became agent for the Waynesburg & Washington Railroad, with which he remained identified for ten years. Mr. Harding then visited Chicago, Ill., and Wheeling, W. Va., and at both places became interested in mercantile pursuits, and then returned to Washington and for two years served as deputy county treasurer. In 1900 he established his present business, realty dealing and general insurance. He handles a large amount

of valuable real estate and represents ten of the leading fire insurance companies, two accident companies and one life company. He has additional business interests.

In 1878, Mr. Harding was married to Miss Belle Galbraith, a daughter of James A. Galbraith, who was, at one time, Recorder of Deeds for Washington County. Mrs. Harding died in 1881, leaving one child, Mary, who is the wife of Fred A. Goedecke, of Pittsburg. Mr. Harding was married (second) in 1886, to Miss A. Virginia Hupp, a daughter of Dr. John C. Hupp, of Wheeling, and they have two daughters: Carolene H. and Madeleine S., both residing at home. Mr. Harding is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and he belongs to its official board. He is identified with the Elks and the Heptasophs and belongs also to the Royal Arcanum and to his college society, the Phi Kappa Sigma, and to the Washington Golf Club. On the maternal side, Mr. Harding is connected with one of the oldest and most prominent families of the county, his maternal grandfather having been Dr. Francis Julius Le Moyne.

**SAMUEL L. FLACK**, a well-known resident of Buffalo Township, is engaged in farming and stock raising and makes a specialty of sheep, keeping about 200 head. He was born on the farm on which he resides, in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., May 2, 1865, and is a son of Salem and Margaret (Farrar) Flack.

The father of Mr. Flack was born near Wooster, Ohio, and the mother in Washington County, Pa. Samuel Flack, the grandfather, was born near Taylorstown, Pa., and at one time lived on the farm his grandson, Samuel L., now owns. After marriage, Samuel Flack moved to Ohio, but eventually returned to the Buffalo Township farm, where he died. Samuel Flack died in 1903, but his widow survives and resides at Washington. Of their children three are yet living: Samuel L., John A. and Mrs. R. W. Parkinson, wife of a well-known attorney at Washington. Sarah V. is deceased. Samuel Flack was a member of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Republican.

Samuel L. Flack obtained his education in the schools of Buffalo Township, but ever since he reached manhood has given a large part of his attention to farming and stock raising. In this section the proper growing of sheep is a very profitable industry and Mr. Flack has met with much success in this line.

Mr. Flack was married to Miss Artemissa M. Farrar, who was born in Montezuma, Iowa, and is a daughter of David and Margaret (Ewing) Farrar. He formerly resided in Washington County, but died in Iowa. Mrs. Farrar now resides in Cambridge, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Flack have two children: Albert Ewing and Margaret Irene. With his family, Mr. Flack belongs to the East





JOHN A. HOXWORTH

Buffalo Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican. He has always taken intelligent interest in township matters of a public nature and is recognized as a public-spirited citizen. For three years he has been the very efficient secretary of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW M. LINN, president of the First National Bank of Washington, Pa., and a prominent lawyer, has been a resident of this city for the past 39 years and has been identified with its growth and history. He was born in 1863, at Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of the late Prof. Alonzo Linn, who was a member of the faculty of the Washington-Jefferson College, from 1857 until his death, which occurred in 1901.

Andrew M. Linn was graduated from Washington-Jefferson College in the Class of 1883 and at once registered as a law student in the office of J. W. Donnan, at Washington. He was admitted to the bar in 1886 and later to all the courts of the state and also to the Federal courts. He has been in active practice almost continuously and is counsel for a number of local enterprises.

In 1893, Mr. Linn was married to Miss Margaret McMillan, a daughter of Rev. W. H. McMillan. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Linn being on the official board. Political life has had few attractions for Mr. Linn and beyond performing citizenship duties, he gives little attention to public affairs, in relation to office-holding or office-seeking.

JAMES N. BRISTOR, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., owning 230 acres of very valuable land, on which he has resided since December, 1897, was born in Washington Township, Greene County, Pa., Nov. 8, 1848. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Oliver) Bristor. The Bristor family is of English origin and its first American members came to Greene County, Pa., very many years ago.

James N. Bristor grew to manhood in his own county and attended the schools of Washington Township. He was reared to farm pursuits and has had many years of experience in handling stock. In 1897 he came to the farm on which he has since lived. His agricultural operations are large and important and he is numbered with Amwell Township's largest raisers of sheep and cattle.

In 1879, in Fillmore County, Neb., Mr. Bristor was married to Miss Lonetta Igon, who was born in Missouri. Her father, Levi Igon, is a resident of Western Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Bristor the following children have been born: Charles L., who lives in Amwell Town-

ship; Arlie, who is the wife of Grayson McCrory, of Lono Pine; Robert L., who lives in Amwell Township; Ethel E., who is the wife of Charles Moninger, of Amwell Township; and Mary Luc, Olive B., John S. and Nellie, all of whom live at home.

Mr. Bristor has been an active and useful citizen of his township since coming to Washington County. He has taken a large degree of interest in the public schools and for three years has been a member of the school board and during a part of the time has been its president. Nominally he is a Democrat, but he is a well-informed man and does a large amount of his own thinking, unbiased by party teaching and frequently casts his vote according to his own private judgment. He is a member of the Baptist Church. In him Amwell Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has a strong supporter and advocate.

JOHN ADAM HOXWORTH, proprietor of a transfer line and garage, at Canonsburg, Pa., is one of the best known and most active men here, one who has succeeded in his own business enterprises and has identified himself with organizations closely concerned with the welfare of his city. He was born in Venango County, Pa., August 3, 1873, and is a son of Jasper and Emeline Hoxworth. The father of Mr. Hoxworth died in 1874, but the mother still survives.

Mr. Hoxworth attended the public schools in Venango County during boyhood and then went to work in the pipe mills of the oil supply shops, where he gained his first business experience. In 1891 he came to Washington County and was in business for himself for a short time at Washington, in 1898 leaving there and settling permanently at Canonsburg, where he acted as agent for the Washington Brewing Company until he embarked in his present transfer business. He has excellent accommodations for the same and has added an automobile garage to his warehouse and this has proved a very acceptable innovation. He is an active Republican and for three years served as chairman of his precinct. He is captain of the Canonsburg Fire Department and is a member of the Business Men's Protective Association.

Mr. Hoxworth married Miss Mand Jones, of Oil City, and they have three children: John Porter, Norene and George Washington. He is a member of a number of fraternal organizations, including: the Eagles, the Elks, the Order of the Moose, the Foresters and the Red Men, and also a benefit society.

H. ED. McCUTCHEEN, who has spent almost his entire life as a resident of Washington, was born in Valley Grove, W. Va., in 1870, and was 6 years old when he was brought to this city by his parents, William and Sarah (Buchanan) McCutchen.

The father of Mr. McCutchen lives retired, at Washington, now in his 76th year, but the mother has passed away. For a number of years, William McCutchen was one of the leading contractors at Washington. The four children of the family were: Mary Wilma, who resides at home; Grace E., who is now deceased; George Boyd, who for 18 years has been professor of mathematics at Washington and Jefferson College; and H. Ed., of Washington.

H. Ed. McCutchen attended the Washington schools and then engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued for about 15 years. Failing health giving warning, Mr. McCutchen saw the necessity of changing his occupation and finally accepted that of superintendent of the buildings and grounds belonging to the county. This superintendence covers all the improving and beautifying being done, and for eight years he has proven his capacity in this position. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church at Washington.

WILLIAM H. McELREE, whose life has been so ordered that he has been able to pass it entirely on the place on which he was born, in North Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., owns a farm of 40 acres of well cultivated land, which he devotes to general farming and special gardening. His parents were James and Martha (Boyd) McElree, the former of whom was born in Ireland, of Scotch parents, and the latter of whom was a native of Washington County.

James McElree settled on the farm in North Franklin Township which is owned by his son, William H., as early as 1813 and he continued to live here until the close of his life, in 1875, when in his 73rd year. Of the children born to James and Martha McElree, there are two survivors: William H. and George W., the latter of whom resides at Washington, Pa. During their long life together, the wife of James McElree passing away shortly before his own death, they were consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

William H. McElree is a liberal-minded, well-informed man. In boyhood he attended the local schools and laid the foundation of a well balanced education. Like his father he early identified himself with the Democratic party and has consistently desired that its principles should prevail. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church and has never changed his allegiance. He is one of North Franklin Township's most respected citizens. The only public office he ever consented to serve in was that of road superintendent and to the duties of that office he gave careful attention.

CLARENCE B. KELLOGG, an expert and experienced engineer, who has been chief official in that line for the Washington County Building ever since it was erected,

was born in 1856, at Ravenna, Ohio. At the age of 13 years, Mr. Kellogg became a worker in the oil fields at Oil Creek, later entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company and was identified with that corporation in various capacities until 1889, coming to the Washington fields in 1888. In the fall of 1899 he became chief engineer of the county building and is known as a thoroughly competent man.

In 1880, Mr. Kellogg was married to Miss Annie Gillman, of Butler, Pa., and they have two children: May, who has been a successful teacher in the public schools of East Washington for six years; and Olive, who resides at home. Mr. Kellogg and family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington. For a quarter of a century, Mr. Kellogg has been a Mason and he belongs also to the Maccabees.

HARRY F. MOORE, one of the younger members of the Washington bar, who, in a short time has built up a substantial practice, was born August 24, 1882, in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa. He is a son of Frank H., a grandson of Daniel Moore, and a great-grandson of Dr. Henry Moore.

Dr. Henry Moore was born in Ireland, March 18, 1742, and emigrated to America and landed in Baltimore, Md., in the spring of 1773. He settled on a farm four miles west of Washington, Pa., and lived there until his death, being buried on the farm. He practiced for many years in that vicinity and was the owner of hundreds of acres much of which was patented to him.

Frank H. Moore, now living retired in this city, was born in 1852, in South Franklin Township, where he engaged in the sheep industry and in farming for many years. He still looks after his agricultural interests, although not actively engaged any longer.

Harry F. Moore was educated in the Washington and Jefferson Academy and College and was graduated in the class of 1904, immediately afterward entering the law department of the University of Michigan, and was graduated in the class of 1907. Mr. Moore was admitted to the bar of Washington County in October, 1908, and also has gained admission to the Superior and Supreme Courts of the State. In politics he is a Republican and like every intelligent man is more or less interested in affairs of a public nature. He is a member of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church but, as a matter of convenience, attends the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He is fraternally identified with Washington Lodge, No. 164, F. and A. M.

HUGH R. McKEAG, who is the careful and efficient superintendent of that well kept tract of land dedicated to cemetery purposes at Claysville, Pa., is one of the most respected citizens of this pleasant little

city, in which he has lived since 1897. He was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., December 10, 1863, and is a son of Alfred F. and Julia (Taylor) McKeag.

The parents of Mr. McKeag are of Scotch-Irish extraction but both were born in West Finley Township, Washington County, where Joseph McKeag, the paternal grandfather was a very early settler. Mr. McKeag's parents live at West Alexander, Pa., the father conducting a harness-making shop there.

Hugh R. McKeag was quite young when his parents moved for a time to West Virginia and there, in Ohio County, he attended school and later engaged in farming. In 1897, when appointed superintendent of the Claysville Cemetery, he came to this place and has faithfully performed the duties of this position ever since. Mr. McKeag has many friends, his genial manner and kindness of heart making him popular with all.

Mr. McKeag married Miss Cecelia Wilson, of Claysville. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which Mr. McKeag also attends. He is a Republican in his political views.

JOHN F. HESS, retired farmer and capitalist, whose beautiful home is located at No. 1116 Jefferson avenue, Washington, is a representative of two of the old and substantial families of Washington County, families that have been connected in many ways with the development of this section. Mr. Hess was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., November 9, 1852, and is a son of Ephraim and Mary (Wilson) Hess.

Ephraim Hess was born also in Somerset Township and was a son of John Hess, who was one of the earliest settlers of Washington County. Ephraim Hess, like his father, was a large farmer and stock raiser. He married Mary Wilson, who was born also in Washington County and was a daughter of the old pioneer settler, John Wilson. To Ephraim and Mary Hess were born the following children: Margaret, John F., Mary A., Virginia, Elizabeth, Blanche C. and Grant E. Of this family, Margaret is deceased. Elizabeth is the wife of J. Martin McNary. Grant E. is a well known attorney at Washington.

John F. Hess was reared on the home farm and continued farming and stock raising until the growth of the city of Washington encroached on his land, when he found it more valuable to make it into a subdivision and sell for business purposes.

In 1907, Mr. Hess was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Kidd, who is a daughter of David Buchanan, one of the old settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington and he belongs to the official board. He is identified with the Republican party and formerly took an

active part in township affairs, at times serving in local offices.

J. FRANK WILSON, a successful farmer and stock raiser of South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., belongs to an old agricultural family of this section, both his father and grandfather having owned lands which they cultivated and their flocks of sheep covered their wide pastures. J. Frank Wilson was born on his present farm on August 18, 1856, and is a son of James and Isabel (Fulton) Wilson, a grandson of Robert Wilson and a great-grandson of James Wilson, who was the founder of the family in America.

Great-grandfather James Wilson was born in Scotland and he came to Pennsylvania when great tracts of public land could still be secured from the government. He obtained land in what is now South Franklin Township and a part of this has descended from father to son through the succeeding generations. His son, Robert Wilson, became farmer, land owner and representative citizen and his son, James Wilson, was born in the same place as his father, and he also was farmer and sheep grower and made a specialty of raising horses. James Wilson was a Republican in his political views and as he was a man of judgment and reliability was frequently elected to township offices. His death occurred in 1901 after a long and useful life. He married Isabel Fulton, who was born in Fayette County. Of their children two survive: Mary E., residing near Pittsburgh, is the widow of A. G. Laeock, a former resident of South Franklin Township; and J. Frank, who resides on the old homestead.

J. Frank Wilson obtained a common school and academic education in the schools of South Franklin Township which prepared him for almost any vocation in life. From choice he has always been a farmer and stock raiser and formerly was a heavy wool grower. He has frequently been elected to public office in South Franklin Township by the Republican party in his section and has performed the duties of the same with circumspection and efficiency.

Mr. Wilson was married in July, 1888, to Miss Jennie Sutton, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., and is a daughter of Lemuel Sutton, a resident of Amwell Township, Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two children: Isabel and Earl. They are members of Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church of Amwell Township, of which Mr. Wilson is a trustee and leading member, having been one of the building committee that planned and carried out the erection of the present attractive edifice. He has also been an active supporter of the Sunday school and for a long time served as superintendent.

JOHN E. MILLER, superintendent of the plant of the Duncan & Miller Glass Company, at Washington, and interested also in other business enterprises, was born in 1840, in Germany, and was brought to America when five years old.

Mr. Miller was reared and educated at Pittsburg and began to work in the glass factory of Patrick Mullvany, when he was nine years old, remaining there for three years. In July, 1861, Mr. Miller enlisted at Steubenville, Ohio, in the regimental band of the 4th Ohio Vol. Inf., and served for eighteen months in the Civil War. He then returned to Pittsburg and with the exception of one year, lived in that city until 1893, being engaged in glass manufacturing with the firm of George Duncan's Sons & Company. In 1900, after the death of James E. Duncan, the firm became the Duncan & Miller Glass Company. Mr. Miller is a director in the Washington Trust Company and is financially interested in other prospering concerns.

In 1867, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elizabeth D. Bair, of Steubenville, Ohio, and they have the following children: Clarence M., Loretta D., Zuliema E., L. B., and J. E., Jr.

JOHN N. ANDREW, one of South Franklin Township's prosperous agriculturists and highly respected citizens, devotes his large estate of 170 acres to general farming and stock raising. He was born in Morris Township, Greene County, Pa., January 31, 1842, and is a son of Jesse and Electa (Day) Andrew.

The father of Mr. Andrew was born and died in Washington County, but the larger part of his life was spent in Greene County. He married Electa Day and of their family of children two survive, namely: Milton, who resides in Lucas County, Iowa, and John N., of South Franklin Township. Another brother, Harvey, grew to maturity and was living in Washington County at the time of his death.

John N. Andrew attended the schools of Greene County and from youth has been accustomed to farm life. When he went into business for himself he entered largely into the stock industry and paid much attention to the raising of sheep and after coming to his present farm in South Franklin Township, a quarter of a century ago, continued in the same line and has prospered exceedingly.

On May 22, 1864, Mr. Andrew was married to Miss Permellia E. Patterson, a daughter of Wilson Patterson, formerly a prominent and influential citizen of South Franklin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew had one son but he did not survive infancy. In politics Mr. Andrew may be termed an Independent Democrat, being a man who is capable of doing his own thinking and of coming to conclusions concerning public questions that are cred-

itable to his judgment. For many years he has been an elder in the Bethel Presbyterian Church of South Franklin Township, an office held by his father in Greene County. Mr. Andrew is one of South Franklin Township's representative men.

EDWARD L. FOSTER, one of Washington's representative business men and a prominent factor in Democratic politics in the county, has had charge of the real estate department of the Union Trust Company of Washington, since its organization. He is a native of Washington, born in 1861 and is a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Washington County.

Frederick Foster, grandfather of Edward L., born in Germany, came to Pennsylvania and was one of the early business men of Washington, opening the first butcher shop in the village. His son, John Foster, was born at Washington, in 1834, and he was in the meat business here during his entire active life.

Edward L. Foster attended the public schools and then learned the printing trade in the office of the Washington Review and Examiner, a paper then edited by the late Andrew Hopkins, and also was associated with the Washington Democrat. He continued to work as a printer for twenty-two years, a part of the time in job offices. In 1902 he took charge of the real estate business for the Union Trust Company. He has been a more or less active politician for a number of years, and has served frequently as a member of the Democratic County Committee. For ten years he was a member of the Washington school board and has acted as assistant Burgess of the borough. There are few citizens of Washington better known.

In 1884, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Emma Houston, who was born and reared at Washington, a daughter of Isaac Houston, a leading contractor. They have three children: Sarah C., Nellie and Helen M. Mr. Foster and family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church. His fraternal connection is with the Heptasophs.

COLIN L. BAKER, station agent at Baker's Station on the Waynesburg & Washington Railroad, in Washington County, Pa., has filled this rather responsible office for the last quarter of a century and is well and favorably known to the traveling public as well as to the old citizens of this section. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., July 11, 1855, and is a son of Nathan and Maria (Horn) Baker.

Nathan Baker was born also in Amwell Township, a son of Enoch Baker, who was an early settler near Lone Pine in Amwell Township. Both father and grandfather of Mr. Baker engaged successfully in farming and stock raising and did a large amount of sheep growing, the



wool industry being a very profitable one for many years. In 1871, the late Nathan Baker settled at what is now Baker's Station and the place was named in his honor, the station building being placed on his farm on the completion of the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad. He continued to live here until his death in 1903. Four of his children survive, namely: John W. and David E., both residing at Washington; Robert C., residing in Warren County, Ohio; and Colin L. of Baker's Station.

Colin L. Baker accepted his present office some twenty-five years ago and in addition to attending to his duties as agent, he has overlooked the operation of his farm of 196 acres, on which general farming and stock raising are carried on. He is identified with the Republican party but has not given a large amount of attention to politics, caring little for political office, but has consented to serve as a school director.

Mr. Baker married Miss Roberta Horn, a daughter of Henry W. Horn, of Amity, Pa., and they have four children: Bernard R., Ruby R., Cherry F. and Nellie M. Mr. Baker and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Amity, of which he is a trustee.

JAMES BOYLE, secretary and treasurer of the Union Trust Company of Washington, Pa., has been identified with this institution since its organization in 1902, and for thirty-five years prior to that had been connected with banking affairs. He was born in 1848, in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa.

When Mr. Boyle was yet young, his parents moved to Belle Vernon but he returned to Uniontown to attend school. His first entrance into business was as an employe of the George A. Berry & Company manufacturing company, a large glass firm of Pittsburg, where he remained for two years. He then became an employe of the Citizens' National Bank, beginning in a humble capacity and through ability and fidelity advancing step by step, and retained that connection for thirty-five years. In 1902, when the Union Trust Company of Washington was organized, Mr. Boyle was secured as assistant secretary and treasurer and he fulfilled those duties until 1904, when he succeeded Joseph C. Baird as secretary and treasurer. Mr. Boyle has the confidence and esteem of the body of his fellow citizens. He takes an interest in public matters to the full extent of earnest citizenship and is ever ready to lend his influence in support of lawful government. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Washington.

A. L. LINDLEY, a well known and prominent citizen of South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., is a member of the old New Jersey Lindley family, which doubtless might be traced many years farther back than

1788, when Levi Lindley, accompanied by two of his brothers came to Washington County. A. L. Lindley was born April 7, 1865, on the farm in South Franklin Township, on which he lives, and is a son of Harvey and Harriet (Blachly) Lindley.

The great-grandfather, Levi Lindley, settled in what is now Morris Township, when the country was a wild, unpeopled region. He built one of the first log cabins and was one of the first to assume the responsibilities of life in these then uncivilized parts. The village of Lindley's Mills stands on his first land and perpetuates his name. Levi Lindley, with his brothers, Demas and Cephas, were active in all the early development of this section, building a fort for protection from the Indians, erecting a grist mill and establishing churches of the Presbyterian faith. To the present day the family displays many of the characteristics of its pioneer ancestors and among the leading men of the different communities where they have settled, they are usually foremost.

Harvey Lindley, father of A. L. Lindley, was born in Franklin Township, Washington County, a son of Benjamin and a grandson of Levi Lindley. He grew to manhood sturdy in frame and well able to do the hard work that tilling the soil and harvesting the crops then required, little aid being then given by the use of machinery. In early manhood, in 1847, he married Harriet N. Blachly, a daughter of Dr. Henry Blachly, of Morris Township, and they had the following children born to them in the course of a long and happy life together: Henry B., born in 1849, married Sarah M. Van Kirk, and died Oct. 25, 1880, in his 32nd year; Anna E., born in 1853, married Samuel Cozard, of Franklin Township, and they now reside in Los Angeles, Cal.; Osear F., born in 1855, married Jennie Craft and moved to Barber County, Kas., but later moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where he died Feb. 22, 1904; Howard A., born in 1863, married Adeline Clark, of Buffalo Township, and they live on the farm adjoining our subject; Abraham Lincoln, the youngest of the family, who, with Anna E. and Howard A. are the only survivors. The mother of the above family died July 22, 1891, in her 64th year. The death of Harvey Lindley occurred Aug. 17, 1894, in his 69th year. The larger portion of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, but for a short time he conducted a livery business at Washington. In his early views on public questions, he was a Whig, but after the formation of the Republican party identified himself with it, but at no time was he a seeker for office. When his district sought responsible men for guardians of the school interests he was chosen and as a matter of duty consented to serve, this being at the time prior to the division of Franklin Township into two sections. Both he and wife were members of the Bethel Presbyterian

Church and for 40 years he was an elder of the church.

Abraham Lincoln Lindley was reared in his native township and attended the country schools. From youth he has been interested in farm work and has such a thorough and practical understanding of all its branches that it is not very remarkable that he should be among the foremost agriculturists and stock raisers of this section. He owns 153 acres of valuable land. He pays particular attention to the breeding of draft horses, mainly Percherons and to growing the grade of sheep best for wool production.

Mr. Lindley was married on Jan. 26, 1893, to Miss Mary Isabel Post, a daughter of the late Stephen Post, of South Franklin Township, and they have three children: Stephen Harvey, Sarah N. and Harry S., all of whom were given excellent school advantages. In politics, Mr. Lindley is a Republican, but, like his father, he is one from principle and not with any selfish desire for political office. With his family he belongs to the Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren, in which he served as a trustee for some years. He is a member of the Prosperity Cemetery Association, an organization in which his late father was also interested, having been one of the charter members.

JOSEPH K. McNUTT, cashier of the First National Bank of Houston, Pa., in which capacity he has been identified with this institution since 1901, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William A. and Nancy (Weaver) McNutt, and a great-grandson of Rev. John McMillan, D. D., a distinguished divine of the Presbyterian Church.

The McNutt family has been identified with the affairs of Washington County for many years, the grandparents settling in Chartiers Township when the late William McNutt was a boy. He followed an agricultural life and his death occurred in 1883, when his age was sixty-three years. His widow survived until 1894, dying at the age of seventy-five years. Her parents, John and Nancy Weaver, were old settlers in Washington County. To William A. McNutt and wife were born the following children: Mary, who died in infancy; John, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, during the Civil War, being a member of Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., having enlisted when but sixteen years of age, and his ashes rest in Grave No. 28, in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg. Elizabeth, who is the wife of Samuel White, of Cecil Township; William; Rachel A., who died in 1908, was the wife of John A. Berry; Mary Ellen, who is the wife of Allison Manson, of Canonsburg; Joseph K.; George D., who is cashier of the First National Bank of Canonsburg, married Rebecca Fife; and Catherine J., who is the wife of J. W. Munnell, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Canonsburg.

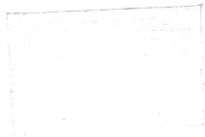
Joseph K. McNutt obtained his education in the schools of Chartiers Township and remained on the home farm until he was nineteen years of age when he turned his attention to milling and for the nine succeeding years was in the business at Patterson's grist mill, and afterward, for one year engaged in milling at Canonsburg. He then entered the dry goods store of J. C. Morgan at Canonsburg, where he continued for thirteen years, terminating that connection in order to accept the position of cashier of the First National Bank at Houston. This bank was organized July 1, 1901, and commenced business September 26, 1901, in the same building on Pike street where it has remained located. The capital stock of the institution is \$25,000. It has been successful from the start and the only change made in the personnel of the management, has been caused by death. The first officers were: W. B. Houston, president; John Morrison, vice-president; and Joseph K. McNutt, cashier. The present vice-president is J. A. Berry. The first board of directors was made up of the following capitalists: William B. Houston, T. T. Hitchman, John Morrison, George D. McNutt, L. M. Morgan and John A. Berry. The present board is made up as follows: W. B. Houston, J. A. Berry, George McNutt, L. M. Morgan, J. A. McKnight, W. W. Donaldson and J. K. McNutt.

Mr. McNutt was married in 1886 to Miss Clara Virginia Buxton, a daughter of Jacob and Ellen Buxton, of Fowlers, W. Va., and the following children were born to this union: Nora M., William J., Walter D., Virginia Ellen and Francis J. Mrs. McNutt died September 23, 1905. She was a lady of most attractive personality and beautiful character. Mr. McNutt is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican and for the past four years has been treasurer of the city and also a member of the school board. He has been a resident of Houston since January 22, 1902.

ROBERT R. FORREST, who for the past 20 years has been engaged in the brick-making business in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., stands among the representative business men of Washington and enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. Mr. Forrest was born Oct. 12, 1840, in Allegheny City, Allegheny County, Pa., and at an early age came with his parents to Washington, where he attended the common schools until he arrived at the age of 16 years, when he entered the Hayes carriage factory as an apprentice, remaining there until the breaking out of the Civil War. He then proceeded to Wheeling, W. Va., where he was employed on government work, chiefly in the construction of ambulances, and he ironed the last 25 of that class of vehicles sent to the seat of war from Wheeling. In 1865 he engaged in the carriage business with J. D. Jackson on E. Wheeling street, and in 1867,



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Mr. Forrest entered into partnership with James House in the carriage making business in Washington, erecting for that purpose the building now occupied by R. B. McClure & Son on East Wheeling street, operating the business under the firm name of House and Forrest. About one year after establishing the business, Mr. Forrest sold his interest to Mr. House and embarked in the brick making business in South Strabane Township, which he still carries on, the business now having been in existence some 20 years. The first brick made on his place were used in the construction of the jail, and he has since supplied the brick for many prominent buildings, such as banks, seminaries, churches and many private residences. In 1889 he commenced the erection of his own commodious home, which is located on the corner of Summer avenue and Pitt street, and is one of the finest residences in the northern part of the city, and in November, 1890, moved into it. Mr. Forrest was also for a time engaged in contracting and building in partnership with his brother, Richard R. Forrest. On Apr. 15, 1869, Mr. Forrest was married in Washington, Pa., to Sarah M. Hayes, a daughter of Charles Hayes, and a granddaughter of George Kuntz, both of Washington. Six children were born of their union.

Mr. Forrest and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and although he has frequently been solicited to accept office, has invariably declined.

ANDREW HORN, deceased, formerly one of South Franklin Township's best known and respected citizens, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 4, 1823, and was a son of John and Mary (Closser) Horn, who were early settlers there.

Andrew Horn was reared to man's estate in Amwell Township and received such educational training as the schools of his neighborhood afforded at that time. When he entered into business for himself he engaged in farming and stock raising and for a time was a wool grower. In all his undertakings he met with a large measure of success as he was a man of deliberate judgment and business faculty. He was married Apr. 6, 1848, to Sarah A. Swart, a native of Amwell Township, where she was born Aug. 15, 1830. Her parents were Philip and Senah (Walton) Swart, natives of Greene County, Pa. The father of Mrs. Horn died in 1876, surviving his wife five years, and both had spent the larger part of their lives in Amwell Township. Of the nine children born to Philip Swart and wife but three survive, these being: Mrs. Sarah A. Horn; Keziah, who is the widow of David Buchanan and lives at Washington; and Mary, who is the wife of James Jackson and lives at Anity, Pa. Philip Swart was a strong Republican and of his

family of six sons, he gave four of them to be soldiers in the Civil War. All are now deceased, one being killed in the battle of Spotsylvania.

To Andrew Horn and wife were born four children, namely: Elbridge F., who lives in North Dakota; Flora, who is the wife of C. N. Lindley, of Washington; Anabel, who is now deceased, was the wife of E. H. Clarke, of South Franklin Township; and Clarence M., who is also deceased. The death of Mrs. Clarke on June 15, 1898, was a severe domestic affliction. She left four children, all of whom have always lived on the Horn homestead, namely: Queen H., who is the wife of John Gaddy, of Washington; Herbert F.; B. Clarke and Sarah Swart Clarke.

In the death of Andrew Horn, on Feb. 26, 1900, South Franklin Township lost one of her best citizens. He was always interested in securing good government in his section and, although not a politician, occasionally consented to serve in township offices, at one time being a justice of the peace. He was one of the pillars of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren and in that body his death was deeply felt. He left his family amply provided for, his widow having a farm of 158 acres of well cultivated land. She resides in the pleasant old farm house and has everything very comfortable about her. She is a valued member of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren and is a useful member of the Home Missionary Society, one of its benevolent agencies. She is held in very high esteem all through this section.

CHARLES E. HACKNEY, who is actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business, with office at No. 509 Washington Trust Building, is prominent among Washington's younger generation of enterprising and progressive business men. He was born at Hackney Station, Washington County, Pa., Dec. 31, 1885, and is a son of Clark M. Hackney and a grandson of Clark Hackney.

Clark Hackney, the grandfather, was born at Heistersburg, Fayette County, Pa., and about the year 1853 moved to Washington County, where he took up his residence in Morris Township. In 1861, he moved to Hackney Station, in Amwell Township, and there lived until his death. Clark M. Hackney was born in Washington County, in 1860, and now resides in the borough of Washington, but still looks after his farming interests.

Charles E. Hackney attended the district schools of his native township and Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg. He completed a business course at Washington Business College, and in 1904 entered the real estate and insurance business in Washington, transacting a general real estate business. He is special agent for the

Standard Accident Insurance Company. He is also interested in a number of business enterprises in this vicinity, and takes an active part in politics.

In 1905, Mr. Hackney was united in marriage with Miss Hazel M. Gaus, of Amity, Washington County, and they have two sons, Donald C. and James B. They are members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Externally, he is a member of the Order of Moose.

HENRY M. KEENY, one of South Franklin Township's substantial citizens, large land owners and excellent farmers, resides on a tract of 167 acres which he denominates the home farm and has two other farms also located in South Franklin Township. He was born on Daniel's Run, Washington County, Pa., Jan. 12, 1837, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Shipe) Keeny, both parents being natives of Amwell Township, Washington County.

The grandfathers on both sides were very early settlers in Amwell Township, the maternal grandfather coming after the close of the Revolutionary War, in which he had been a soldier. Daniel Keeny's whole life was spent in Amwell Township, where he carried on farming all through his active years. He was a Democrat in politics. He was one of the early members and liberal supporters of the Christian Church in this section. Of this family of children three survive, namely: Henry M.; Catherine, who is the wife of Charles Van Kirk, of Washington, Pa.; and George, who resides in Virginia.

Henry M. Keeny grew to manhood in Amwell Township and after attending school there he spent some time at Lone Pine Academy. At an early age he displayed enterprise and independence as may be illustrated by the following incident: When Mr. Keeny was a lad of about 18 years, he led a pet sheep from Prosperity, Pa., to Philadelphia, a distance of 353 miles, and was followed by 700 head of sheep. He was accompanied by two other young men, making the trip, despite the objection of his parents, as he wished to see the country. He was young when he began to teach school in Amwell Township, but nevertheless succeeded so well that he was encouraged to continue and before he turned his attention to other pursuits taught also in what is now North and South Franklin Townships and also in Morris Township, in Greene County. For a number of years afterward he was engaged in the buying and shipping of stock and also bought wool on commission, in the meanwhile carrying on his own agricultural operations. He has given a large amount of intelligent attention to the live stock industry and is a large raiser of both sheep and cattle. His entire acreage is valuable both for general farming and for pasturage.

Mr. Keeny was married Sept. 1, 1881, to Miss Sarah

C. Chambers, of South Franklin Township, who is a daughter of Robert Chambers, formerly a well-known citizen of South Franklin Township. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keeny: Bessie and Birdie, both of whom reside with their parents. They have been given both educational and social advantages and are well known in local social circles. Mr. Keeny belongs to the Christian Church, while the Chambers family has been connected with the M. E. Church.

Mr. Keeny is identified with the Republican party. For 15 years he served as a justice of the peace in South Franklin Township and has filled other important offices, having been road supervisor, auditor, and for 12 years was a school director, during eleven years was secretary of the board. He is a man of public spirit and, largely due to his efforts, the division was made that separated old Franklin Township into a North and South Division. This was no political move, simply being for the convenience of all voters and has met with general approval.

HARRY S. GRAYSON, who is one of the most extensive oil and gas operators of Western Pennsylvania, is one of the prominent citizens of Washington, Pa., and is identified with various business enterprises of this city. He was born in July, 1864, in Washington, Pa., and is a son of John Grayson, who, about 1869 moved to Pittsburg, where our subject was reared and attended the common schools until 17 years of age. He then entered the employ of the Bridgewater Gas Company, of which Capt. Vandergrift was president, and was subsequently employed by the United Oil and Gas Company and also the Forrest Oil Company, until he began operating in the oil and gas fields for himself, and is now one of the most extensive oil and gas producers in the fields of Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and the Southwest. He is associated with M. L. Benedum and J. C. Treese, who are also extensive operators in the various oil fields, and holds important positions in numerous oil and gas companies.

Mr. Grayson was united in marriage with Eliza Lowrie Hamilton in 1909.

JAMES D. IRWIN, a representative citizen of Canton Township, whose fine farm of 192 acres is the one on which he was born, Dec. 25, 1856, belongs to one of the oldest and most substantial families of this section, and the present farm has been in the possession of the Irwin family for more than 100 years. The parents of Mr. Irwin were William C. and Mary R. (Dye) Irwin.

William C. Irwin spent the whole of his life in Washington County and was numbered with the sterling

citizens of Canton Township, where he died Jan. 31, 1902. His father was James Irwin and he was of Scotch Irish descent. Of the children born to William C. Irwin and wife the following survive: James D. and John L., both of whom live in Canton Township; Lemman, who is a resident of Washington; Edith and Etta, both of whom reside at Washington; William C., who lives in West Washington; Milton C., who lives in Buffalo Township; Clifford T., who lives in West Washington; and Asa C., who is a resident of Washington. William C. Irwin was a consistent member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington. In all public matters in his township he took an active but disinterested part, seeking no offices but performing every duty that good citizenship demanded.

James D. Irwin spent his boyhood on the old family farm and obtained his education in the district schools. For some time after his marriage, in 1885, he resided in Buffalo Township, moving then to South Franklin Township and several years later back to Buffalo Township. In a few years after that return he went back to the old homestead in Canton Township, acquiring the same, and here has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until the present. He is a leading citizen of the township and has served in various public capacities. Like his father he has always supported the Democratic party.

On Sept. 29, 1885, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Annie Horn, a daughter of George C. and Rebecca (Cox) Horn. George C. Horn was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Apr. 27, 1825, and died Jan. 13, 1908, aged 83 years. His father, John Horn, was one of the pioneer settlers of Buffalo Township, where he became a man of wealth and standing. The mother of Mrs. Irwin was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1836, and died July 12, 1879, aged 42 years. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have had five children: Rebecca May, who is the wife of Herman Castner, residing in Buffalo Township, and they have one son, George Irwin Castner; and George L., Chalmers C., Russell R. and William H., all of whom reside at home. Mr. Irwin has given his children advantages of every kind, and the family is one highly valued in this section. They are members of the First Christian Church at Washington.

**JEREMIAH SPOWLS**, one of Washington's substantial citizens, residing in his fine home at No. 514 East Chestnut street, is a well known man through Washington County and for a number of years was concerned in agricultural pursuits in Somerset Township, which is now in the borough of Bentleyville, where he still owns a valuable farm of 70 acres. Mr. Spowls was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 19, 1840.

In the district schools of Somerset Township, Mr. Spowls obtained the educational training that enabled him to become a teacher and for about 15 years he taught school through the county and was numbered with the successful educators of his day. He then settled down to farming in Somerset Township and engaged in the stock business at Bentleyville and remained on his farm until April, 1908. Mr. Spowls then retired and took up his residence at Washington. He rents out his farm and also has tenants on his properties at Bentleyville, where, for a number of years he held borough offices.

In 1874, Mr. Spowls was married to Miss Josephine W. Nelson, who was born near Finleyville, Washington County, and they have one daughter, Leona V., who is the wife of Wiley McCarty, of Charleoi, Pa. Mr. Spowls and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He united with this religious body at Bentleyville and was a member of the official board there. He is now a leading member of the congregation of the First Methodist Church at Washington. Formerly he took a very active interest in politics and held many local offices, for 25 years being a school director and for five years holding the office of justice of the peace. He has lived a busy and useful life and the retrospect is one he can calmly and satisfactorily contemplate. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows and for 21 years was active in the fraternity.

**HUMPHREY BLAKEWAY ELLIOTT**, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of South Franklin Township, Washington County, who owns 200 acres of valuable land, herds of fine cattle and flocks of sheep, belongs to one of the old and substantial families of the county. He was born in what is now South Franklin Township, Sept. 19, 1858, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Newman) Elliott.

Abraham Elliott was born in Morris Township, Washington County, a son of William Elliott, an early settler in that section. Abraham Elliott died during the infancy of his son, H. B. Elliott, leaving five children: Addie, who married Joseph Poinsett and resides at Newport, Ky.; Lizzie, who married Rev. Longdon, lives at Blue Mound, Kas.; William P., who resides in Athens County, Ohio; H. B.; and one who is now deceased. The mother of Mr. Elliott contracted a second marriage with Matthew Anderson and of the children born to this union the following survive: William; Annie, who married Frank Hitehook, of Pittsburg; and Thomas, who also resides at Pittsburg. Mrs. Anderson died before her son, H. B. Elliott, reached manhood.

When a lad of 7 years, Mr. Elliott became a member of the family of his uncle, M. B. Craig, who was the owner of the farm on which the nephew now resides,

this having been his home ever since he went under his uncle's protection. His education was obtained in the district schools, after which he devoted himself to assisting Mr. Craig on the farm, just as he would his own father. He married Miss Belle McKhan, a daughter of Lewis McKhan, who formerly was proprietor of a hotel at Claysville, and they have two sons: Martin B. and Lewis C., both of whom are residents of South Franklin Township. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren. In politics he is a Democrat. He is one of South Franklin's most respected citizens.

**JAMES McDUFF FARMER**, who, for the past fifteen years has followed the profession of civil engineering, has been borough engineer of Canonsburg, Pa., since May, 1904, and is recognized as a very careful and capable public official. He was born in the city of New York, July 31, 1864, and is a son of Rev. S. F. and Jeanetta (McDuff) Farmer.

Rev. S. F. Farmer was born near Noblestown, Pa., and was educated at Jefferson College, where he was graduated. For many years he served in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, his last charge being at Charleroi, Pa. His death occurred at Edgewood Park, Allegheny County, in the fall of 1898, when aged seventy-six years. The whole life of Rev. Farmer was one of Christian endeavor. He married Jeanetta McDuff, who died in 1873. She was born in Scotland and was brought to America when very young. Her father was James McDuff, who lived and died at Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y. To Rev. S. F. Farmer and wife two sons were born, James McDuff and William R. The latter was educated at Washington and Jefferson College and the Allegheny Theological Seminary and is a Presbyterian minister. He resides at Edgewood Park and is assistant to Dr. Riddle, who is connected with the Allegheny Theological Seminary.

James McDuff Farmer was nine year old when his parents left New York and went to Brown County, Kas., and in Kansas, California, Iowa and Nebraska he lived until he was twenty years old. He was a student in the University of Iowa and took a course later in civil engineering at the University of Nebraska. Leaving school in 1889, he spent two years on different ranches in California, since which time he has devoted himself entirely to his profession. Prior to coming to Canonsburg, he was in the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company. Since taking charge at Canonsburg he has had entire supervision over the paving and other important improvements coming within his sphere as borough engineer, and by his careful estimates and honest service has saved the city large amounts while at the same time these improvements have been substantial and satisfactory.

Mr. Farmer was married December 13, 1906, to Miss

Margaret J. Crumb, a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Wilson) Crumb, of Canonsburg. He gives his political support to the Republican party. Fraternally he is identified with Canonsburg Lodge, No. 846, B. P. O. E.

**BENJAMIN T. JONES**, postmaster and general merchant at Venitia, Pa., was born in 1868 at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pa., a son of John and Charlotte (Matthews) Jones.

John Jones was born in Wales, a son of Thomas Jones, of Merthyr, and grew to maturity in his native country, where he later was employed as a bookkeeper. He married Charlotte Matthews, also a native of Merthyr, Wales, and a daughter of Thomas Matthews. After coming to America in 1861 he was employed by the Reading Railroad Company at St. Clair, Pa., after which he went to Hubbard, Ohio, where he served as postmaster from 1879 until 1885. He resided one year at Palmyra and in 1887 came to Venitia, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was an invalid for a number of years previous to his death, which occurred in 1893. His wife died May, 1901. They were the parents of nine children, of whom but six grew to maturity: Mary, who is the wife of H. B. Phillips, of Hubbard, Ohio; Richard, superintendent of mines for the Y. & O. Coal at Amsterdam, Ohio; Benjamin T., the subject of this sketch; Minnie, who is the wife of William M. Clellan, of Homestead, Pa.; Annie, who married John C. Davis of Mt. Lebanon, Allegheny County, Pa.; and Charlotte, who is the wife of Thos. J. McKenna, Chicago, Ill.

Benjamin T. Jones received his educational training in the public schools of Hubbard, Ohio, and subsequently assisted his father in the postoffice at Hubbard. He was for a time employed as a clerk at Palmyra and in 1887 came to Venitia with his brother Richard, who was then mine foreman for the Osborn-Seager Company, in whose employ our subject also entered as a clerk. In 1892 he met with an accident in the mine, which left him a cripple for life. In May, 1894, he was elected justice of the peace of Nottingham Township, and on November 15, 1898, he resigned that position to take up the duties as postmaster at Venitia, where he also conducts a general store. Mr. Jones is a Republican in politics, and was the first Republican elected justice of the peace in Nottingham Township in fifty years. He has filled the office of school director, township clerk and auditor.

On June 3, 1897, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Charity E. Anders, a daughter of H. F. Anders, of Peters Township, and they have three children: John, who was born in 1898; Thomas, who was born in 1900; and Benjamin, who was born in 1902. The family are members and loyal supporters of the Methodist Church of Venitia.





JAMES McDUFF FARMER



WILLIAM EDGAR BALDWIN, one of South Franklin Township's most respected citizens and successful farmers, stock raisers and sheep growers, who is serving in his eleventh year as trustee of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren, was born in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., July 16, 1862. His parents were Silas and Martha (Sargeant) Baldwin.

Silas Baldwin was born in Washington County, Pa., and died in South Franklin Township. In his early business life he followed butchering for a time and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was greatly interested in growing fruit and was very successful in his attempts, his orchards, under his intelligent treatment, being vigorous and productive. He was identified with the Republican party and frequently was chosen for township offices. For many years he was a member of the Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He married Martha Sargeant, who was born in Greene County, who predeceased him. Of their children the following survive: John T., who lives in South Franklin Township; Sarah M., who is the wife of Rev. W. W. Dixon, a Baptist minister at Marietta, Ohio; William E., of South Franklin Township; and Ida F., who married W. R. Gunn, of this township. The Baldwin family has been a leading one in this section through many years. The grandfather, Francis Baldwin, was one of the earliest settlers in the township and his remains were the first to be interred in the cemetery at Van Buren.

William Edgar Baldwin secured his early education in the township schools and this he has supplemented with judicious reading and association with others, experience frequently being as efficient a teacher in the practical things of life, as a college professor. Mr. Baldwin devotes his 64 acres of land to general farming and to raising stock and sheep, giving close care to all his interests, thereby making them all profitable.

On Dec. 29, 1886, Mr. Baldwin was married to Miss Mary J. Weir, a native of Washington County and a daughter of John B. Weir, a prominent resident of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have had ten children, the survivors being: Norris P., Julia A., Grace L., John S., Boyd O. and Glen E. In politics, Mr. Baldwin is a Republican and for three years he has served in the office of township tax collector.

H. B. DUNCAN, president of the Duncan & Miller Glass Company, an important business enterprise of Washington, was born in 1864, at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of the late George Duncan.

During the early years of his business life, the father of Mr. Duncan was engaged in iron manufacturing at Pittsburg. In 1869 he embarked in the glass manufacturing business and in 1872 he bought out his part-

ners and then organized the firm of George Duncan & Sons. He died at Pittsburg in 1877.

H. B. Duncan was educated in the Pittsburg schools and his whole business experience has been one more or less connected with glass manufacturing. In the fall of 1892 a glass plant was built and business was started under the style of George Duncan's Sons & Co., the firm being composed of James E. Duncan, J. E. Miller and H. B. Duncan. In January, 1900, James E. Duncan died and later in the year the company was incorporated as the Duncan & Miller Glass Company. The officers are: H. B. Duncan, president; James E. Duncan, Jr., secretary; and A. P. Duncan, treasurer. These officers, together with J. Ernest Miller and Mrs. James E. Duncan, constitute the board of directors. The plant of this company is situated at Jefferson avenue and Factory street, Washington. The product is a high grade of table glass ware, a specialty consisting of work from private molds. Employment is afforded a very large force, approaching 200 people. The business is in a highly prosperous condition, the excellence of the product making it acceptable where formerly only exported ware was purchased.

In 1902, Mr. Duncan was married to Miss Katherine C. Baird, who is a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of Washington County. They have two daughters: Harriet B. and Agnes O'Connor. Mr. Duncan and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Washington, being past master of the Blue Lodge and to the Consistory at Pittsburg. During the Spanish-American War, Mr. Duncan was adjutant of the 10th Pa. Vol. Inf. and he served in the Philippine Islands.

DAVID S. REED, a prominent citizen of Claysville, Pa., who has resided in his pleasant home which is situated on Wayne street, since the spring of 1906, was born in Ohio County, W. Va., June 18, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Wallace) Reed, and a grandson of Robert Reed, who was a native of Ireland.

Samuel Reed was born on his father's farm in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa. He was a miller by trade and the family lived in different sections where the father engaged in operating grist mills. In 1854 he brought his family back to Washington County and for a time they lived near Buffalo village and then moved to East Finley Township. Samuel Reed there engaged in farming. His death occurred in Claysville Jan. 10, 1893.

David S. Reed obtained his education both in public and private schools and he also taught school for five winter terms. In 1880 he returned to Ohio County, W. Va., where he engaged in truck farming and dairying

for several years and also paid special attention to breeding Poland China hogs, having registered stock. He owns a farm of 200 acres which is situated in Ohio County, just three miles southwest of West Alexander, Pa. In the fall of 1905 he returned to Washington and in 1906 settled permanently at Claysville and in 1907 embarked in the gardening and greenhouse business, with a partner, the firm name being Reed & Snee. Prior to returning to his native county, Mr. Reed was a clerk for a short time for the well known merchant, D. M. Campsey, at Claysville. He also gained a fair knowledge of the science of medicine, for two years being a student in the office of the late Dr. George Inglis, at Claysville, and he also for a time subsequently, was a student in a medical college at Cincinnati. His natural impulse, however, has always been for things that he could produce from the soil, and in his present enterprise he is taking pleasure and meeting with success.

On Dec. 5, 1883, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Maggie G. Laird, a daughter of Robert Laird, late of Donegal Township, and they have one son, David S. Mr. Reed and family belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Independent School District of Claysville. Since June, 1909, has been secretary of the board.

JAMES A. MOUNTS, one of the leading citizens of Washington, Pa., who has resided here for some 15 years, owns a farm of 238 acres, situated in South Franklin Township. Mr. Mounts was born in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Jan. 28, 1842, and is a son of Richard R. and Margaret (Johnson) Mounts, and a grandson of Richard Mounts. The grandfather came to Washington County from Maryland, in 1773. His wife (Mary Keley) was born on the Atlantic Ocean while her parents were on their way here from Ireland. They settled on a small farm near what is now the city of Washington, Pa., and there spent the remainder of their lives. Nine children were born to them, all of whom later became well and favorably known in South Franklin Township. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In his political sympathies he was a Federalist.

Richard H. Mounts, son of Richard and father of James A. Mounts, was born in what is now included in West Washington, Washington County. His boyhood days were spent on the farm assisting his father, and he attended school as opportunity was afforded him. In association with a brother, he then bought land in Franklin Township and the two young men shared the home until 1835. Then Richard R. Mounts was married to Margaret Johnson, a daughter of William and Sarah Johnson, of Lancaster County, Pa., and they be-

came the parents of four children: Richard M.; Sarah, who married William Weir, and died in 1904; William, who died in 1863; and James A., the subject of this sketch. Richard R. Mounts and wife both died on their Franklin Township farm, the former in 1878, aged 66 years, and his wife in 1887, aged 67 years. They were most worthy people and were held in esteem and respect as long as they lived. In their religious connection they were Presbyterians, at first being members of the North Buffalo Church and later of the church at Washington. Mr. Mounts was a reliable citizen and was ever active in promoting the best interests of his neighborhood. Like his father he engaged extensively in farming and stock raising. He made a specialty of sheep, keeping on his 400 acres sometimes as many as 600 head.

James A. Mounts resided in South Franklin Township for many years and was, like father and grandfather, largely interested in raising cattle, horses and sheep. Since coming to Washington, he has been retired from business here and has become a citizen of prominence, one who is ever ready to promote enterprises that promise to permanently benefit the community.

Mr. Mounts was married, first, in 1866, to Martha Chambers, who died, leaving five children, namely: Margaret, who is the wife of Brook Anderson, and has a beautiful home at No. 320 Allison avenue, Washington; Harriet, who is the wife of P. Reeves, of South Franklin Township; Jennie, who resides at Bridgeport, Ill.; Jimella, who is the wife of Howard Maddox, a son of Dr. Maddox, residing at Sharon, Pa., and John W., who resides on the farm in South Franklin Township. Mrs. Mounts died Jan. 27, 1890. Mr. Mounts was married (second) in 1897 to Miss Ella Jane Anderson. She was born in Missouri and is a daughter of John A. Anderson, who is now a merchant at Washington. She was reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith. To Mr. and Mrs. Mounts two children were born, Richard William, who died in infancy; and Sarah Elizabeth. For many years Mr. Mounts has been a member of the Presbyterian Church.

MATTHEW MORROW, a lifelong resident and substantial farmer of Canton Township, owning the old homestead farm of 122 acres, was born on this farm July 20, 1850, his parents being representatives of old pioneer families of Washington County, Pa. They were William and Eliza (McClay) Morrow.

It is probable that the grandfather, Matthew Morrow, the first of the family to settle in what is now Canton Township, Washington County, came from Ireland, that country having contributed largely to the sturdy stock that first ventured into the wild regions beyond the Allegheny Mountains. William Morrow, father of Mat-

threw Morrow, who bears his grandfather's name, was born early in the past century and when he died was in his 85th year. His life had been entirely spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church. He married Eliza McClay, who died in 1872, and of their children there are four yet living, namely: Sarah J., who is the widow of Thomas P. Allison, of Canton Township; Mary A., who lives also in Canton Township; Margaret E., who is the wife of Jackson Lane, of Vernon, Allegheny County; and Matthew. Robert M. is deceased.

Matthew Morrow had the educational opportunities that the farmer's sons of the neighborhood enjoyed and he has spent his whole life in the community where many others of them have also lived. The loneliness of the great cities and the lack of all that seems to make life worth the living, is totally unknown to those whose lives have been quietly spent in the same neighborhood, and doubtless they fully appreciate their good fortune. Mr. Morrow grew to manhood accustomed to farm duties of every kind and when he became the practical owner of the home estate was fully prepared to carry on the work which his father had started. He raises large crops and each year turns out much first-class stock. He has made many improvements, but has never disturbed the old stone barn which bears the inscribed date "1821," which is assumed to have been the year of its erection. It is interesting as one of the old landmarks of Canton Township, so few of which yet remain.

In his political views, Mr. Morrow is a Republican. He is a leading member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church at Buffalo village and for a number of years has served as a trustee of the same.

WILLIAM R. CRISPIN, proprietor of the Wheeling Lumber Company of Washington, and president of the Pomeroy Coal Company of this city, is also an extensive land owner, and one of the representative business men of this locality, and has been a resident here for the past 20 years. He was born in 1854 in Amwell Township, Washington County, and is a son of Silas and Lucretia (Reynolds) Crispin, the former of whom was born in 1822, and was a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Washington County. He was also interested in other business enterprises and took an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party. There were two children born to the parents of our subject, William R., whose name heads this sketch, and Mary.

William R. Crispin was reared in Morris Township, where he afterwards engaged in farming for two years, and subsequently engaged in the lumber and saw-mill business there, having been identified with that business for a period of 32 years, and has been located in

Washington since about 1889. He is president of the Pomeroy Coal Company, in which he owns about five-eighths interest, and also owns 600 acres of fine farming land within ten miles of Washington, which includes the McNary, the Vance and the Woodburn farms.

Mr. Crispin was united in marriage in 1891 with Martha E. Waller, a native of Ohio. Mr. Crispin affiliates with the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES B. WYLLIE, a member of the firm of Robert Wyllie & Sons, wool commission dealers, breeders of Jersey registered cattle and extensive growers of Dorset Horn and National Delaine sheep, all registered stock, is a director in the Union Trust Company at Washington and is one of the leading and substantial men of Canton Township. He was born in Greene County, Pa., Sept. 24, 1862, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Beall) Wyllie, both of whom were born in Washington County.

Robert Wyllie, father of James B., was a resident for a short period in Greene County, but otherwise his entire life has been spent in Washington County, where the Wyllie family has been established since 1750, his grandfather coming here after the close of his service in the Revolutionary War. The parents of Robert Wyllie were William and Mary (Clark) Wyllie, and the grand parents were Robert and Jean (Thompson) Wyllie. William Wyllie, in his day, was a well known man all over Washington County, people coming to deal at his store, prior to 1840 and he visiting different sections to buy wool. He built the wool warehouse, situated on West Chestnut street, Washington, as far back as 1840, and his son and grandsons still utilize it for the storage of wool. This family has been engaged in the wool business for three generations and no name is better known nor any higher esteemed in business circles than that of Wyllie, in all this section. Robert Wyllie, who is now in his 80th year, still continues an active business man, and buyers and sellers of wool, dealing personally with him, recognize that he is just as excellent a judge of the article as he was 30 years back. He married Elizabeth Beall and they have three children: William, who resides at Washington, is a civil engineer; James B.; and Laura V., who married Joseph C. Gist, of Brooke County, W. Va. The Wyllie family is of Scotch origin and it has been faithful to the Presbyterian faith for generations.

James B. Wyllie was in his second year when his parents returned to Washington from Greene County and settled on the present farm in Canton Township, near Washington. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages and graduated from Washington and Jefferson College at Washington in 1882. He has practically de-

voted all his time to farming, stock raising and wool buying ever since, and in former years, in association with his father, was one of the largest sheep raisers in the county, but in great degree this industry has been curtailed. In politics he is a Republican. For ten years he served as secretary of the Canton Township school board and for two years was secretary of the School Director's Association of Washington County. He is secretary of the Washington County Road Supervisors' Association, a position he has filled since its organization in 1905, of which he was also one of the promoters.

Mr. Wylie married Miss Helen Roseborough, who was born at Sardis, Miss., and is a daughter of William D. and Elizabeth (Williamson) Roseborough, her parents being natives of Chester, S. C. To Mr. and Mrs. Wylie three children have been born: Marion M., who graduated at Washington Seminary in the Class of 1907; Garvin R., who is a student at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington; and Laura Jean, who is a student at Washington Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie are members of the Washington County Historical Society, also members of the Chautauqua Literary Society of 1906. They belong to the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington.

T. F. CASHMAN, M. D., physician and surgeon, who has been established at Washington, Pa., since 1903, in six years has built up a very satisfactory practice in the face of considerable competition. Dr. Cashman was born near the celebrated city of Cork, Ireland, in 1879.

Until he was 16 years of age, Dr. Cashman continued to reside in his native land and was a student for some years in the Christian Brothers College, at Cork. After coming to America he continued his studies, directing particular attention in the line of medicine, and in 1902 he was graduated from the medical department of Georgetown University. For one year thereafter he served as resident physician in the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, in Washington City, D. C., and came from there to its namesake in Pennsylvania, in July, 1903. Dr. Cashman is a member of the county and state medical societies and belongs also to the American Medical Association, and his contributions to medical literature are frequent and are valued for their scientific character. He has taken an active part in medical affairs at Washington and is a member of the staff of the City Hospital, being one of its incorporators and its secretary and treasurer. His library is comprehensive and he is a close student. He belongs to the Catholic Church and he is identified with the great Catholic order of Knights of Columbus and is medical examiner for the Washington Council.

GEORGE B. LYSLE, who has been identified with the National Bank of Claysville, at Claysville, Pa., since July, 1906, is a well known and useful citizen, having shown an interest in everything calculated to add to the general welfare and prestige of the borough ever since he took up his residence here. He was born at Allegheny City, Pa., July 18, 1878, and is a son of George and also a grandson of George Lysle.

The father of Mr. Lysle was born and spent all of his life in Allegheny County, Pa. He operated a coal mine at Camden, Pa., on the Monongahela River, above and across from McKeesport, where his father, George Lysle, had operated before him. He shipped coal by the river route and was a man well known in the coal industry.

George B. Lysle lived in Allegheny City until he was 17 years old, when he accompanied his parents to Pittsburgh and they resided for several years in the East End while he was a student in the Western University of Pennsylvania in that city, the same now being known as the University of Pittsburgh. He had previously attended Park Institute, at Allegheny, and after two years at the university he became associated with his father in the coal industry at Camden. When his father subsequently sold his interests there, Mr. Lysle became employed by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, successors of his father, and remained several years. In 1905 he came to Claysville and after serving one year as bookkeeper for the Penn Bridge Company, became identified with the National Bank at this place.

Mr. Lysle was united in marriage with Miss Louise B. MacLachlan, a daughter of Rev. Alexander MacLachlan, a well-known minister of the United Presbyterian Church, in charge at Claysville. Mr. and Mrs. Lysle have two children, Jean M. and George. He is a Republican. Both he and wife are active in the United Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE J. FLEISSNER, who occupies an important position in the Highland Glass Company at Washington, being superintendent of plant No. 1, is an experienced man in the glass business and has been associated with the present company for the past fifteen years. He was born at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1871, but was reared and educated at Washington, his parents moving to this place when he was seven years of age.

Mr. Fleissner first went to work as a tobacco stripper, and then was a clerk and package boy in the R. H. Hallam gents' furnishing store and following that he learned the tailor's trade. He worked as a tailor for three years and eight months and then entered the employ of the Tyler Tube and Pipe Company, where he continued for



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about three years. He then came to the Highland Glass Company and for the past seven of his fifteen years with this concern, has been the careful and efficient superintendent of plant No. 1.

In 1892, Mr. Fleissner was married to Miss Mary E. Grant, who was born in Ohio and died September 28, 1909. Four children survive this dear mother: Lena M., Hilda, Jessie and Richard P.

In politics, Mr. Fleissner is a Republican and he takes a good citizen's interest in local affairs. He is a member of the fraternal order of Eagles and of the Tribe of Ben Hur.

WILLIAM J. L. McCULLOUGH, M. D., physician and surgeon at Washington, Pa., is a member of the surgical staff of the Washington Hospital and has a large general practice in the city. He is one of the younger members of the medical profession, having been born in 1880, in Cross Creek Township, Washington County. His father, Dr. S. L. McCullough, is also a prominent medical practitioner in Washington and Allegheny Counties. Dr. S. L. McCullough was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1853, and was graduated in the Class of 1882, from the medical department of the New York University. Prior to locating at Crafton, he practiced at McDonald, in Washington County; at Frankfort Springs, in Beaver County; at Carnegie, and from there removed to Crafton, Pa.

William J. McCullough passed his early school period in the schools of Washington County, later was a student in the University of Pittsburg and subsequently entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1905. For one year thereafter he served as an interne in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital and then acted as physician to the Municipal Hospital of Pittsburg and came from there to Washington, in 1907, succeeding to the practice of the late Dr. Denny. Dr. McCullough is a member of the Washington County Medical Society, of the State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He has furthered his medical knowledge by taking post-graduate courses and through continuous study, investigation and experiment is not only adding to the general fund of medical science, but is perfecting his own skill, which has been abundantly recognized since he entered into practice here.

Dr. McCullough was married Sept. 25, 1907, to Miss Bertha Graham, of Burgettstown. Mrs. McCullough is a daughter of the late Dr. George S. Graham, who was once a prominent physician of Washington County and also a member of the State Legislature. Dr. and Mrs. McCullough are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

CHARLES U. BROWNLEE, a member of the well-known firm, Brownlee & Leslie, general brick contractors of Washington, has been a resident of this city for the past 30 years. He was born in 1872, in North Franklin Township, near Point Lookout, and is a son of Robert W. and Matilda (Patton) Brownlee, and a grandson of Samuel Brownlee, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County. The father of our subject was born in North Franklin Township in 1830, where during his early life he engaged in farming and stock raising, but after coming to Washington was for a number of years street commissioner, and at the time of his death, in 1902, was National Pike Commissioner. He married Matilda Patton, a native of Washington County, and they reared two children, Edwin P., a black smith, residing in Washington; and Charles U., the subject of this sketch.

Charles U. Brownlee was reared in Washington and attended the public schools, after which he engaged for some time in teaming, then learned brick-laying, and for the past 12 years has been engaged in brick contracting, having formed a partnership with Mr. Leslie.

In 1896, Mr. Brownlee married Georgia Stewart, who was born in Cross Creek Township, a daughter of John J. Stewart, deceased, and they have one son, Edwin Stewart Brownlee. He has served as a member of the city Council, and is identified with the Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee are members of the First United Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES GEORGE SCHADE, who fills a very important position at Canonsburg, Pa., having charge of the engineering department of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works, is also, in every way, a representative citizen of this borough. He is a native of Pittsburg, Pa., but of direct German parentage, and was born Nov. 13, 1870, and is a son of George F. and Emelie (Greinert) Schade.

The late George F. Schade was born in Germany, in 1840, and died at Pittsburg, Sept. 22, 1909. He was 14 years old when he accompanied his father, George Schade, to America, and they were shortly afterward followed by the remainder of the family, the home being established at Pittsburg. Prior to enlisting for service in the Civil War, George F. Schade worked in a cooper shop. His first enlistment was in Co. F, 136th Pa. Vol. Inf., and after its termination he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. He was a faithful soldier and his record reflects honor upon his name. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Pittsburg. He resumed work as a cooper after he returned from the army, and later established a cooperage business of his own, which he conducted for 40 years. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow and was identified with

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 360, of Pittsburg. For many years he was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Emelie Greinert, a daughter of John Greinert, and she survives, making her home at Aspinwall, Pa. The children of George F. Schade and wife were: Charles G.; Edward J., who is in business at Aspinwall; George F., who is in the plumbing business at Pittsburg; Frank F., who is a traveling salesman for the Logan-Gregg Hardware Company, of Pittsburg; Emelie, who is the wife of Harry Morgan, resides at Aspinwall; and Alice, who is a teacher in the public schools of Pittsburg.

Charles G. Schade was educated in the excellent public schools of his native city and after completing his High School course, studied civil engineering in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., and was graduated in 1892, with his coveted degree of C. E. He has followed his profession, giving especial attention to structural and bridge engineering ever since and was with the Keystone Bridge Company, of Pittsburg, until February, 1899, when he came to Canonsburg, called to take charge of the draughting department, later being advanced to his present office, with the Fort Pitt Bridge Company. He is a very important factor in this combination of capital and energy.

In October, 1895, Mr. Schade was married to Miss Helen Zeiner, who was born at St. Louis, Mo., but was reared at Pittsburg. Her parents were William B. and Elizabeth (Appel) Zeiner. They have five children, namely: Berthold G., Amelia, Helen, Roland and Karl. Mr. Schade was reared a Republican in politics, but at present is not quite in accord with all party issues and calls himself independent. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canonsburg General Hospital and of the Board of Health and has served four years as a very useful and intelligent member of the borough Council, being president for one year and has also served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks and is exalted ruler of Lodge No. 846, at Canonsburg.

SAMUEL BUSHFIELD, general contractor and a leader in his line of work at Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city since April, 1898. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., in 1853, and is a son of William Bushfield, an old resident of that county, who followed the milling business.

Samuel Bushfield worked on a farm in his youth and then learned the carpenter trade. Since 1876 he has been engaged in general contracting, building his first house under contract in that year. In 1879 he located at West Alexander, in Washington County, where he carried on his business until he came to Washington in 1898. He has resided here ever since and has invested in prop-

erty, in 1907 building his fine residence at No. 430 East Chestnut street. He has interested himself in public affairs as far as comes within the domain of good citizenship, but asks no political favors.

On Oct. 2, 1879, Mr. Bushfield was married to Miss Laura B. Chambers, a daughter of J. P. Chambers, a member of one of the old and substantial families. They have four children, all yet under the paternal roof: Mary Olive, Grace M., William C. and Paul A. Mr. and Mrs. Bushfield are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES L. TAGGART, proprietor of the South Side Stock Farm, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Canton Township, Washington County, Pa., and a member of the township school board, was born in this township, Oct. 28, 1870, and is a son of James and Margaret A. (McBride) Taggart.

Charles L. Taggart is a descendant of James Taggart, or Taggart, as the name is spelled in earlier histories. He emigrated to America from Ireland in 1783 and after reaching Philadelphia, Pa., was married to Martha Ferguson. In 1784 he came to Washington County, Pa., and bought a tract of land called Chestnut, containing 260 acres, from John and Thomas Douglas, who had taken it up two years previously. It was situated on the headwaters of Chartiers Creek. In 1831 he bought a farm of 400 acres, in Licking County, Ohio, and still another farm, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. His family numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: John James, Samuel, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, and William. Of this family, John married a Miss Miller and emigrated to Harrison County, Ohio. James (grandfather of the subject of this sketch) married Martha Fergus, and came into possession of the homestead, on which he died. Samuel married Catherine Morrow and settled in Wayne County, Ohio. Mary became the wife of George Miller and lived in Cross Creek village. Elizabeth married John Marquis and lived in Cross Creek Township. James Taggart, the pioneer, was a man of forceful character. He was quite prominent in this section in early days and did his full share in the development of the county from the almost primitive wilderness that it was when he first saw it. This family has been prominent since the time of the first settlements, especially in Canton Township, and its members have intermarried with those of other prominent pioneer families, such as the Merrows, the Allison, the McCloy, the Millers. The old stone residence of solid and durable construction, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, was built in 1804.

James Taggart (2), son of James and Martha (Ferguson) Taggart, was born on the farm in Washington County, where his life was passed, becoming one of the

township's most esteemed and reliable citizens. He followed general farming and raised a large number of sheep. He was united in marriage with Martha Fergus, and they had children, as follows: James, Samuel, William, John, Margaret, Sarah, Rebecca, Martha and Mary. He was an elder in the Upper Buffalo congregation for 24 years. His death occurred July 28, 1863.

James Taggart (3), son of James and Martha (Fergus) Taggart, and father of Charles L., was born on the homestead, Nov. 10, 1823. He subsequently came into possession of the family estate, on which he passed his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He received his education in the Notring Academy. Inheriting those forceful traits of character which had distinguished his pioneer ancestor, he became one of the township's leading men, and at various times was called on to serve in township office, in which he always acquitted himself with credit. He voted with the Democratic party before the Civil War, but in 1862 joined the ranks of the Republican party and served a term as county auditor. He was a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, was a trustee and led the choir for a number of years. His death took place in 1892, when he was about 64 years of age. He was married Oct. 20, 1857, to Margaret A., a daughter of James and Ann (Cockins) McBride, and to them were born the following children: James McBride, who married Jennie Maxwell; Annie F., who married F. W. Donaldson; Archibald A., who married Ella W. McCarrel; Urania E., who married Alexander Hamilton; and Charles L. The mother of the above family resides with her son, Charles L., on the homestead. On Oct. 2, 1909, she celebrated her 75th birthday, on which happy occasion there were present 22 of her grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and five of her children.

Charles L. Taggart grew to man's estate on the old home farm. He received his education in the district schools and at Buffalo Academy in Hopewell Township. Since leaving school he has given his close attention to the management of his large farm of 265 acres. He raises Aberdeen Angus cattle and the American Delaine sheep, keeping about 250 head of the latter, and is numbered among the most enterprising and successful agriculturists of this section. In 1907, at the Chicago International Live Stock Exposition, a show that was open to the entire world, he was awarded the grand champion prize for the best dressed steer carcass exhibited, although he had many skilled competitors. The steer was 16 months old and netted him \$338. In 1909 he won a number of premiums at the same exposition and produced the highest priced yearling steer carcass, and the heaviest yearling steer carcass in the show.

Mr. Taggart married Miss Catherine E. Ryburn, who was born in Charters Township and is a daughter of

the late John Ryburn. They have five children: James L., Mabel M., Matthew L., Carl R., and Emma. Mr. Taggart and his family are members of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES L. V. ACHESON, who, as district attorney of Washington County, Pa., has demonstrated the legal knowledge, the discrimination and sound judgment which a successful incumbent of this important office must have, was born in Washington County, Oct. 21, 1873, and is a son of James C. and Mary (Bureau) Acheson.

Perhaps no citizen in Washington County was better known or more respected than the late James C. Acheson. He was born in the county, into a pioneer family, Feb. 13, 1824, resided in the same section all his life and died Apr. 20, 1895. He married Mary Bureau and they had five children born to them.

Charles L. V. Acheson completed the public school course and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in the Class of 1894, after which he read law under the direction of Attorney Henry M. Donigan and was admitted to the bar in March, 1898. He immediately entered into practice in Washington County and soon won attention as an advocate, and confidence in his personal integrity. This led to his popularity and to his subsequent election in 1907 to the office of district attorney, with the duties of which he soon made himself familiar and has efficiently performed them ever since, without respect to creed, nationality or politics, having simply done his best according to the law. In his work he is supported by his able assistant, T. H. W. Fergus. Mr. Acheson is unmarried. He resides at No. 8 West Maiden street. He is a Republican.

WILLIAM ABBOTT, proprietor of Hotel Abbott and one of the leading citizens of West Monongahela, Pa., who has been a resident of Washington County since 1856, was born at Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1847, and is a son of John and Mary Abbott. John Abbott, who was a printer by trade, was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., but subsequently removed with his family to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he worked on the first newspaper printed in that city, and followed his trade until the time of his death in 1853. His wife was a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of three children: William; John, deceased, and Thomas, who lives in New Mexico. The mother of our subject subsequently married Adam Smith and in 1856 removed to Washington County, Pa. She became the mother of four children by her second marriage, namely: Adam, James, Joseph and Mary Ann, who is the widow of Jacob Rolloson.

William Abbott was about 5 years old when his

mother and father brought the family to Pittsburg, which at that time had but one railroad, and in 1856 they came to Washington County and located at Mingo, which is now known as River View. There Mr. Abbott was reared and shortly after the family located entered the coal mines, and continued a miner for 30 years, during which time he spent two years in the gold mines of Montana. He subsequently embarked in contracting and road building, which he still follows, and in partnership with Thomas B. Myers has built many of the roads of Washington County, and in 1903 he erected at West Monongahela, the Hotel Abbott, which is a 31-room brick building, and is located on the electric railroad. Mr. Abbott is a member of the B. P. O. E. of Monongahela City. He has served 15 years as a school director of Carroll Township and was instrumental in having the old log school-houses replaced by modern buildings, and has served 12 years as supervisor and in various other township offices.

On Dec. 25, 1870, Mr. Abbott married Elizabeth Hodgson, and they have the following children: James, who married Lucinda Lode and has three children—William, Hodgson and Almada; Addison; Mayme; Margaret, who is the wife of Warren Yohe, has one son, Lewis; John; Edward, who married Lillian Gee and has three children—Margaret, Elizabeth, and Kenneth; Joseph; Odý; Lottie and Elija, who died young.

W. W. SMITH, deceased, for many years was so actively identified with the leading business interests of Washington, Pa., as to be easily recalled by those who take pride in the achievements of the older generation and give them the credit due for the city's present prosperity. He was born at Washington, Pa., Aug. 15, 1830, and was a son of William and Fanny (Wrenshall) Smith.

William Smith was born near Darlington, Beaver Co., Pa., Aug. 15, 1800, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. In 1821, with his brother, James T. Smith, he came to Washington and they established a general store and succeeded so well in their enterprise that they were led, one year later, to seek a wider field, which they found in Philadelphia. They established themselves in commodious quarters on Market Street in that city and continued there prosperously until the breaking down of James T. Smith's health caused them to sell their mercantile interests in Philadelphia, in 1825. William Smith then returned to the western part of the State and conducted a general store at Uniontown until 1828, in which year he again took up his residence in Washington. He opened a store shortly afterward, in the building where the Watson Block now stands, just south of the Public Square, and remained there until 1835, and then purchased the Rev. Thomas Hogue property at the north-

east corner of Main and Beau streets, into which he moved his store. Mr. Smith here carried on a very satisfactory business by himself until 1853, when he admitted his son, W. W. Smith, as a partner, under the firm name of William Smith & Son. Some years after the establishing of his store, he organized a private bank and this business was conducted under the same firm name. In 1867, William Smith retired, leaving the management of these large interests to his son and partner, the latter having demonstrated superior business capacity. After his retirement, Mr. Smith moved to Philadelphia, where he purchased a pleasant home in which he resided until the spring of 1887, when he returned to Washington, where his death occurred July 12, 1887, when aged 87 years. He was possessed of large realty holdings, among them the Green Tree Corner, which he had acquired from Judge Baird at an early date, and the northwest corner of Main and Beau streets, on which, in 1861, he erected the magnificent brick and iron structure known as Iron Hall.

Mr. Smith was married (first) in 1828, to Miss Fanny Wrenshall, of Pittsburg, and they had two children: William W. and Fanny Fielding, the latter of whom became the wife of Ferdinand Varro. Mrs. Smith became an invalid and passed away in the fall of 1861. Subsequently, in Philadelphia, Mr. Smith married a Mrs. Newell, a widow, who was a daughter of John Simes, an early resident of Washington, and she died in Philadelphia during the winter of 1886. William Smith was a man of Christian life and character. In earlier years he was a member of the Covenant Church, later, while living at Washington, united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and, after moving to Philadelphia, attended the United Presbyterian Church.

William W. Smith, son of William and Fanny (Wrenshall) Smith, enjoyed both educational and social advantages. Prior to 1848 he was a student in the preparatory department of Washington College, under Prof. Robert Milligan, and then entered the freshman class. After his graduation with the class of 1852, he entered actively into commercial life in his father's employ and in 1853 was admitted to partnership. He was a man of brilliant intellect and prepared for the bar although he never sought admission, finding his knowledge of law, however, to be of great value to him as his business interests accumulated. After the retirement of his father, in 1867, Mr. Smith continued the management of the establishments above mentioned and by his ability, caution and judgment added largely to the prestige they had already enjoyed. Later in life he was ably assisted by his two sons, who still conduct the banking house of William Smith & Son, which was founded by their grandfather.

In addition to the interests above commented on, Mr.





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Smith was actively identified with various organizations of the borough, charitable and benevolent as well as business, and was deeply interested in matters pertaining to education. For years he was a member of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson College, and was proprietor and rector of Trinity Hall, a select boarding school for boys. This institution was established in 1879 in the building which Mr. Smith had used for 12 years as a private residence. It was built in 1857 and was purchased by Mr. Smith from Joseph McKnight, in 1866. The boarding school scheme proved successful and from time to time it became necessary to enlarge the original building. A description of Trinity Hall, its exceptional advantages as a school, and its surroundings, may best be given in the tribute once paid it by Rev. Fred C. Cowper, of Amesbury, Mass.: "The school grounds contain 40 acres situated in a rich and beautiful hill country, 1200 feet above tide water, and surrounded by wide spreading maples, elms, lindens and evergreens, with orchards, gardens and vineyards, through which wind broad drives bordered by well kept lawns. There has never been sickness in the school. Delicate boys become strong and manly in its pure, health-giving atmosphere. The morals of the place are pure; the tone elevating and refining. Under the present management, the household in all its departments is suitable for the sons of gentlemen, and has all the comforts of a refined home. It is a lovely spot indeed, favored by Nature, developed by the best skill of the landscape gardener, kept up by those who take pride in it; and fortunate is the boy who is permitted to spend his school days at Trinity Hall." This institution had its inception in the desire of Mr. Smith to have his own sons educated within the influences of their own refined home.

On July 13, 1867, William W. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Emma Willard McKennan, a daughter of Hon. William McKennan, judge of the United States Court. Two sons were born to them, namely: William McKennan and Ulysses S. Grant. The former is a very prominent banker and financier at Washington. He married Miss Lucy Butler, of Columbus, Ohio, and their beautiful home is on Park Avenue, formerly Trinity Hall. Ulysses S. Grant Smith resides abroad, having been connected with the Diplomatic Service of the United States since 1903. The beloved wife and mother was removed from the happy domestic circle on Aug. 31, 1879, and from this crushing grief Mr. Smith never fully recovered. He was, however, a man of the highest Christian type and permitted no personal sorrow to interfere with his outside relations. For many years he was a very earnest member of the Episcopal Church, from 1853 until 1892 was its treasurer, and three times was called upon to represent the Diocese of Pittsburg in the General Convention of the church held at Boston, in

1877; in New York City in 1880; and in Philadelphia, in 1883. During the Civil War he served as a volunteer aid-de-camp, on the staff of Gen. F. S. Grant, both in the Southwest and in Virginia, and between him and that great commander was cemented a personal regard, a token of which was given when, among the wedding guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, at their marriage, in 1867, General Grant, wife and sons, came in the capacity of friends. This friendship was maintained and family visits were exchanged through later years.

JAMES H. McBURNEY, president of the Canonsburg Milling Company, of Canonsburg, Pa., has been identified with the milling interests of this place for the past eighteen years. He was born near Midway, in Robinson Township, Washington County, Pa., November 2, 1860, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Robb) McBurney.

John R. McBurney, father of James H., was born in Robinson Township, Washington County, on the same farm on which his father, James McBurney, was born and lived. The first wife of James McBurney was a sister of Samuel Acheson, of near Hickory, the latter of whom died recently and was a well known citizen. The second marriage was to Catherine Lindsay. The first of the McBurneys in Washington County, came from McBurneys Mills, Ireland. John R. McBurney was married in early manhood to Elizabeth Robb, who died on the old Midway homestead in 1893. Her parents were George and Janet (George) Robb, who were farming people in Cecil Township, near Venice. They were both reared in Washington County. George Robb died in his native county but his widow died after moving to Iowa. John R. McBurney died in July, 1896, aged sixty-six years. They had the following children: James H.; George Robb, who is a minister in the Covenant Church is located in Kansas, and he married Mary Houston, of Blanchard, Iowa; Elmer, who is a Christian Science practitioner residing at Oakland, Cal., married Elizabeth Scott; Kate W., who for five years has been a medical missionary at Tak-Hing-Chau, China, a noble woman, at the present writing (1909) is visiting her home in Washington County; M. R., who is an osteopathic physician located at Los Angeles, Cal., married Mary White, of Beaver Falls, Pa.; Jean George, who is deceased; Jean George (2), who is also a missionary and physician as is her older sister, carries on her work in the same part of China; and W. J., who is a minister of the Covenant Church, settled at Fair Grove, Mich., married Minnie Wylie, of Concord, Ohio.

James H. McBurney, of Canonsburg, was educated in the public schools near his home and at Ingleside Academy, at McDonald, and in 1881 was graduated from Duff's Business College at Pittsburg. He remained at home and assisted in the cultivation of the farm for sev-

eral years and then went into the mill of Robbins and Bamford, at Midway, and remained there for five and one-half years. In 1891 he came to Canonsburg and purchased the mill that was then operated for thirteen years by himself and his former employers, the firm name being Robbins, Bamford & McBurney. At a later date Mr. McBurney organized the Canonsburg Milling Company. He stands very high in the business world and he enjoys also the respect and esteem of those with whom he comes into contact socially.

In 1894, Mr. McBurney was married to Miss Sadie Scott, a daughter of James and Eliza (Thompson) Scott, of Beaver Falls, Pa., and they have five children: Mary Lois, John R., James Glenn, Elizabeth Margaret and Jean Scott. The pleasant family home is situated at No. 125 Belmont avenue, Canonsburg. Mr. McBurney is a member of the Miller's Run Covenant Church.

J. EDGAR & GEORGE W. COATSWORTH are the owners of the Coatsworth Grocery and Meat Market, which was originally established at California, Pa., in 1898, by a brother, Jonas C. Coatsworth, who carried on the business until the time of his death in 1901. In July, 1901, our subjects took charge of the business, which was then principally a meat market, and was then located in a small frame building on Wood Street, just opposite their present store, which is located in a two-story brick building which they erected in 1905. Since taking charge of the business the Coatsworth Brothers have gradually increased their stock in groceries and now carry a full line of groceries and provisions in connection with their meat market, and do their own slaughtering and dressing of meats.

J. Edgar Coatsworth was born Mar. 25, 1865, in Monongahela City, Pa., and George W. Coatsworth was born Apr. 11, 1875, at California, and they are sons of Thomas and Fanny (Lowstutter) Coatsworth, who came to California with the family in 1874. The father died in October, 1907, and is survived by his widow, who is the mother of 11 children, eight of whom were reared to maturity.

J. E. Coatsworth was reared in California, where he attended the local schools, and subsequently spent two years in the employ of the Westinghouse Machine Company at Wilmerding, Pa., returning to California in 1901 after the death of his brother, Jonas. He was united in marriage with Kathryn Savage, and they have two children: Alice and Mary. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company.

George W. Coatsworth was reared and educated at California, Pa., and married Sarah Russell, and they have two children, Glenn and Harriet. He also is affil-

iated with the Odd Fellows and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company.

THOMAS McKENNAN, M.D., deceased, who, for a period approaching a half century, was one of the leading men in the profession of medicine in Washington County, was born in the borough of Washington, Pa., May 21, 1825, and was a son of Thomas McKean Thompson and Matilda (Bowman) McKennan.

In recalling the life and services of men of unusual prominence in any walk of life, it is interesting to investigate into their ancestry and to trace the natural inheritance of ability. Dr. McKennan came of Revolutionary stock. Probably his great-grandfather, Rev. William McKennan, was a native of Ireland. He came to America in 1730 and settled at Wilmington, Del., where he had charge of a Presbyterian church for a protracted period. His son, Col. William McKennan, was born in Delaware, in 1758. He took part in the Revolutionary War, was one of the officers in the Patriot army at the battle of Brandywine, where he was severely wounded, and endured the privations of the memorable winter at Valley Forge. Although he survived his army exposure, he died from the effects of injuries received, after he had become a resident of the borough of Washington, to which place he came from Charleston, W. Va., in 1801. He married Elizabeth Thompson, who was a niece of Governor Thomas McKean, of Pennsylvania, who was also one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The third son of this marriage was Thomas McKean T. McKennan, who was the father of the late Dr. McKennan.

Hon. Thomas McKean T. McKennan was born at Newcastle, Del., in 1794, and from early boyhood evinced unusual mental ability, graduating from Washington University when but sixteen years of age. He wisely chose the profession of law and when twenty-one years old he was admitted to the bar. Honors were bestowed upon him thick and fast. He served as deputy attorney-general of Washington County for three years; in 1831 became a member of the National House of Representatives, where he completed four full terms and in 1842 completed the unexpired term of Hon. Joseph Lawrence. In 1840 he was chosen a presidential elector; in 1845 was made president of the Pennsylvania Electoral College, and in 1850, President Fillmore appointed him a member of his cabinet, as secretary of the interior. This honorable and high public office Mr. McKennan retained but a short time, resigning its honors and emoluments in order to resume active practice, give more attention to congenial literary pursuits and to assist in developing industries and furthering enterprises for benefitting his own State and section. After his return to



private life he became president of the Hempfield Railroad Company, a position he was filling at the time of his death, which took place at Reading, Pa., July 9, 1852. In 1815 he had married Matilda Bowman, who was a daughter of a prominent merchant of Brownsville, Pa. Mrs. McKenman died in March, 1858. Eight children were born to the above union.

The late Dr. Thomas McKenman was the fifth member of his parents' family. He was reared in the midst of the most fortunate surroundings for the development of his unusual abilities. Wealth and social prestige both were his. In 1842 he was graduated at Washington College, immediately after which he entered upon the study of medicine, and in 1846 he was graduated in this science, at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. After a year's service as an interne, in the charity institutions of that city, he located in Allegheny, where he engaged in practice until 1851, when he settled permanently at Washington. Here he became eminent and through the many continuous years of medical and surgical work, met with such professional success as to make his name a household word over a large part of Washington County. He was never desirous of political honors, although staunch in his adherence to the principles of the Republican party, but on many occasions he permitted his name to be used on educational and benevolent boards. For many years he served as a trustee of Washington and Jefferson College; was a trustee of Washington Seminary and a valuable member of the school board of the borough of Washington. He was interested in benevolent organizations of all kinds and was a member of the board of managers of the Pennsylvania Reform School, lending his influence and professional knowledge to the solving of many of its most complex problems.

In 1854, Dr. McKenman was united in marriage with Margaret M. Stockton, who still survives, residing at No. 42 East Maiden street, Washington. Of their family of twelve children, a number survive, one son, Dr. Thomas M. T. McKenman, perpetuating the name and professional success of his late father.

ALBERT FOSTER McELVAINE, a dealer in a general line of tinware, roofing and heating apparatus, at Canonsburg, Pa., is a representative citizen and successful business man. He was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., and was three years old when his parents, John and Margaret (Horner) McElvaine, moved to North Strabane Township.

The grandfathers on both sides were natives of Washington County, both the McElvaines and Horners having come among the earliest pioneers. John McElvaine, the father, died in 1887, when aged forty-one years, from the direct result of a cold contracted while he was serving as a soldier in the Civil War. He married Margaret Horner,

and they had three children: Albert Foster; Maud, who died in infancy; and Harvey Carson, who resides at Linden, Washington County. He took a business course in Duff's Commercial College, and now is a farmer. He married Irene Washabaugh, a daughter of W. B. Washabaugh, and they have had three children: Calvin and Lloyd, both of whom survive; and Margaret, who is deceased. The father was a physician.

Albert F. McElvaine attended the public schools of Linden, where the family lived until he was grown to manhood. Shortly afterward he entered into his roofing and heating business at Canonsburg, where he enjoys a large trade. A large amount of building in the city calls for more and more modern comfort and security and this is just in line with the commodities Mr. McElvaine handles.

Mr. McElvaine was married in 1898, to Miss Anna Mary Templeton, a daughter of David Templeton, Sr., of North Strabane Township. In politics he is an active Republican and while residing in the country served as township clerk of North Strabane Township. His attractive home is situated on South Central avenue, Canonsburg.

DAVID H. WISE, general contractor, No. 708 Jefferson avenue, Washington, has been a resident of this borough for eighteen years and belongs to an old and prominent pioneer family of western Pennsylvania. He was born in Greene County, Pa., in 1855, and when he was about four years old his parents moved to West Bethlehem Township, Washington County.

Thus Mr. Wise may almost be claimed as a native of Washington County for all his many business achievements have been completed here and in this county he was reared and educated. He remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age and then went to work in a sawmill, where he continued for four years, after which he learned the carpenter trade, showing particular aptness for the same. He has been engaged in doing a general contracting business for the past ten years and has been connected with much of the important building going on in different parts of the county.

In 1890, Mr. Wise was married to Miss Emma Moninger, a daughter of Michael Moninger. She is a lady well known in the different charity organizations in the city, being identified with benevolent societies connected with the Christian Church, of which she is a devoted member.

The Wise family was among the early pioneers who settled in this section and it has been noted for its enterprising spirit and rugged honesty. Probably no family ever lived in this part of Washington County that did so much, individually and collectively, in the early days of its history, to promote rapid settlement and improve-

ment. It was a Wise who erected the first water-power mill for grinding grain, built in the valley of Ten-Mile and it probably was in operation in 1775 and remained in possession of the Wise family until about 1840.

WILLIAM R. GUNN, one of South Franklin Township's representative and respected citizens, has resided on his present farm in this section since 1900, but he was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., December 8, 1856, and is a son of Alexander A. and Mary (Burns) Gunn.

Alexander A. Gunn was born also in West Finley Township and spent the larger portion of his life there, dying in 1899. He was a son of John Gunn, a very early settler in that part of Washington County, who probably was born in Scotland. Alexander A. Gunn was a useful and respected man and was well known all over the county. In politics he was affiliated with the Republican party. He was one of the liberal supporters of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Windy Gap. He married Mary Burns and of their children the following survive: Mary J., who married Rev. J. W. Fisher, a prominent Presbyterian minister of San Francisco, Cal; William R., of South Franklin Township; Ross Delano Aldrich, who is a practicing physician of Cleveland, Ohio; Leanna, wife of Ellsworth Ackley, who resides at Homestead, Pa.; Addie, who married George Orm, of Canyon City, Col.; Sadie, who is the wife of John N. Marshall, of West Finley Township; Lottie, who is the wife of Lewis Barnhart, of Cleveland; and Linnie, who is the wife of Elmer Grimm, of Homestead.

William R. Gunn was reared in West Finley Township and obtained his education in the schools of Washington County. He was married (first) to Miss Belle Patterson, who was born in Greene County, Pa., and they had two children; Jean B. and Robert P. He was married (second) to Mrs. Ida (Baldwin) Clapper, a daughter of Silas Baldwin, of South Franklin Township, and they have one daughter, Cora Louise.

Mr. Gunn is identified with the Republican party, which, in the spring of 1909, made him its local candidate for the office of director of the poor, for Washington County. He has served as school director since removing to this township and is numbered with the useful citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren, in which he is an elder.

WILLIAM L. MILNE, who does a large business at Washington as a plaster contractor, has been a resident of this city for thirty-seven years and is one of its best known, reliable and reputable business men. He was born in Scotland, in 1853.

In his native land Mr. Milne attended school near his

home but when thirteen years of age he came to America, stopping first in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., where he learned the plasterer's trade. In the spring of 1872 he came to Washington and has been engaged in general contracting along his line, for many years. Mr. Milne has acquired property and also high standing as a citizen and formerly, when more active in politics than at present, he was frequently urged to accept public office. He served in the council of the old borough and has also been a member of the school board of East Washington.

In 1873, Mr. Milne was married to Miss Flora E. Baldwin, who is now deceased, three children surviving her, namely: Gertrude, who is the wife of H. H. Shank, who conducts a grocery business at Washington; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Frank Ewing, an attorney at Pittsburg, Pa., and Rena, who is the wife of F. E. Montgomery, an attorney in the city of New York. Mr. Milne was married (second) to Miss Laura Johnston, of Washington County. Mr. Milne is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church and belongs to its official board. He is identified with the Royal Arcanum.

W. B. CULLEY, merchant tailor, doing a large and prosperous business at Burgettstown under the firm style of Culley Bros., is a son of Robert J. and Annie Elizabeth Culley, and was born at Burgettstown, Pa., September 19, 1866, where he was reared and educated.

In 1888, Mr. Culley went to Canonsburg and worked in a tailoring establishment there until 1901; from Canonsburg he went to McDonald and six months later returned to Burgettstown and bought out the merchant tailoring business of C. M. Elder. Mr. Culley has been an active citizen and served as Burgess of Burgettstown, from February, 1894, to 1897, being the first incumbent of that honorable office to serve three years.

On January 26, 1892, Mr. Culley was married to Miss Jessie B. Schaughency, of Canonsburg. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown, of which he is treasurer of the board of trustees. He is past master of the Masonic Lodge at Burgettstown and belongs also to the Odd Fellows and is a past commander of the Sons of Veterans.

REV. HENRY WOODS, D. D., professor emeritus of Washington and Jefferson College, has been identified with this great school of learning for more than forty-two years and was an active teacher for over thirty-nine years. Since 1907 he has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church at East Buffalo, Washington County, Pa., of which he has served as stated supply since 1871. Dr. Woods was born in Missouri, July 2, 1838, and is a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Brisson) Woods.

The father of Dr. Woods was born at Wheeling, W. Va.,





COL. ALEXANDER L. HAWKINS

and the mother at Pittsburg, Pa. They had the happiness of rearing a family of sons to noble manhood, and these, in order were as follows: James Brison, who, for many years was engaged in the steamboat business between St. Louis and New Orleans, later was agent for a transportation line at New Orleans; Luther, who now lives retired at Toronto, Can., was engaged in business at St. Louis, for a long period; Archibald, who resides at St. Louis, was long identified with business life there; Alfred, who died in New Orleans, in 1905; Henry; Francis, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Martinsburg, W. Va., has been stationed there for thirty years; and Oliver Brison, who died in Texas, in 1885.

Dr. Henry Woods was graduated from Washington College in the class of 1857, after which he taught school for two years at Morgantown and then entered a theological college and was graduated in 1862, was licensed by the Presbytery of Baltimore, and accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Steubenville, Ohio. He continued his ministerial duties there for five years and then accepted the call to Washington and Jefferson College, becoming a member of the faculty in April, 1867, taking the chair of languages. For thirty-nine years he has lent his scholarly presence to these historic halls and all over the country, where men of education gather who have a dear memory of old Washington and Jefferson. Dr. Woods is recalled with the respect, esteem and affection which show appreciation of his years of faithful effort. In addition to his college work, during all these years, he has frequently been called on to supply charges, and in 1871 he became the regular supply at the East Buffalo Church and after retiring from active duties in the college, accepted the pastorate in 1907.

In January, 1863, Dr. Woods was married to Miss Mary L. Ewing, a daughter of Hon. John H. Ewing, who was one of the oldest residents of Washington. Mrs. Woods died in December, 1904. They had four children that reached maturity, namely: Margaret, who married William B. Hamilton, who is a missionary in China; Mary N., who resides at home; John E., who is general manager of sales for the Carnegie Steel Company, at Cincinnati, Ohio; and Francis E., who is an attorney at Washington. Both sons are graduates of Washington and Jefferson College.

COL. ALEXANDER L. HAWKINS, deceased, will long be remembered as one of Washington County's distinguished citizens. He was born September 6, 1843, and his death occurred July 18, 1900. His early days were spent on his father's farm, on the border line of Washington and Greene counties, Pa.

Col. Hawkins was a soldier by inheritance, belonging to the fourth generation of a military family. The founder

of this family in America, was Robert Hawkins, who came from England as early as 1715. It is recorded of him that he was an industrious, prudent man and during his long life in the country of his adoption, amassed an ample fortune. That he was a true patriot and loyal supporter of the colonies in their struggle for freedom from Great Britain, was shown by his contributing more than 2,000 pounds sterling to the Patriots' cause. Three of his sons fought in the Revolutionary War and one of these died during the winter of hardship at Valley Forge.

James Hawkins, father of the late Colonel Hawkins, was a farmer and a carder of wool. He was a man of sterling character and practical ideas and being industrious himself, he impressed upon his children the value of frugality supplementing industry, in providing for a future of independence. He resided on the Hawkins homestead, situated in East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, the original tract that came into the Hawkins family in 1772, on letters patent granted to his father, Thomas Hawkins, by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Alexander L. Hawkins was the fourth child born to his parents. He was surrounded in youth with the uplifting influences of a Christian home and was reared in a law-abiding community. After receiving a liberal education in the public schools, he prepared for college at George's Creek Academy and for some time subsequently was a student at Waynesburg College, interrupting his course in order to teach a few terms of schools. He was on the eve of resuming his collegiate studies when came the clarion call to arms, one to which every loyal fiber of his being responded. As soon as he could arrange his affairs, Alexander L. Hawkins enlisted for service in the Federal Army, becoming a member of Co. K, 15th Pa. Vol. Cav., on August 30, 1862. He was one of a company of farmer boys, many of them being acquaintances, all of sturdy strength, robust frames and clean and wholesome lives. The company was almost entirely a Greene County organization, and in the later victories won by the regiment, this aggregation bore no inconsiderable part. The first work of the regiment was the raid on Chambersburg and then came the battle of Antietam. On May 19, 1863, he was raised from the ranks to be corporal and subsequently filled the various grades of non-commissioned officers until October, 1864, when he was made lieutenant, and in the following spring he was given a commission as captain of a U. S. Col. troop. His superior officers recognized in him a commander and soldier of great ability. In the winter of 1862, he was made acting lieutenant when the regiment was lying in the barracks at Nashville. Later, at the battle of Nashville, when he was serving under Gen. Thomas, with the rank of captain, he did valiant service. For some months after

the actual termination of the war, he remained in the service as a member of the staff of Maj-Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, and was finally mustered out on January 21, 1866.

After his return from the army, Col. Hawkins entered into the drug business at Pittsburg and from the fall of 1866 continued there for two years, when he sold his store and moved on the homestead in East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, ere long becoming prominently identified with politics. He was a strong Republican and at different times served with great efficiency as chairman of the county Republican organization. In the fall of 1875 he was elected treasurer of Washington County, held other public offices and was Burgess of East Washington, when he entered the service of the government for the Spanish-American War.

It was during his term as treasurer of Washington County, that Col. Hawkins began his career with the 10th Pa. N. G., which, as an organization, has long stood very high in the regard of the citizens of the State. In 1872, Co. H, the local company of the 10th Regiment, was so demoralized that there had been a suggestion entertained to disorganize it. However, on the advice of Maj. Wilson, who had been the first captain of the company, Alexander L. Hawkins was chosen as commander, receiving his commission on January 1, 1877. Maj. Wilson had been right, Mr. Hawkins was just the man needed to bring about the former efficiency of Co. H, and both his and the company's usefulness were shown shortly afterward, when they took part in quelling the Pittsburg riot. On February 12, 1879, he was elected colonel of the regiment, succeeding Col. Black, of Greensburg, and was re-elected in 1884, 1888, and in 1894, and for a long time served as senior colonel, and with him at its head it was developed into one of the strongest military organizations in the State. It gained a name for itself both on account of its make-up and its devotion to its commander, and was affectionately called "Hawkins' Hay-Seed Regiment." During his twenty years' service as commander of the regiment, Col. Hawkins never missed an encampment nor was absent on any occasion when his regiment was represented. He commanded during three inauguration ceremonies at Washington, those making Garfield, Cleveland and Harrison, President of the United States. He enjoyed the most cordial relations with his fellow officers and was so beloved by his men that, as was the case with a favorite commander during the Civil War, the affectionate and familiar title of "Pap" was given him. He was a man of commanding presence and martial air and presented a fine appearance at all functions where the military was not only useful but ornamental. When President McKinley issued his call for volunteers for the Spanish-American War, Col. Hawkins was eager to go to the front with his regiment and that his was the

only one from the State that was selected to be taken to the Philippines, was considered a high mark of merit for it. While on his way to the Philippines he was elected to the State Senate, from the Washington and Beaver District, having no opposition and receiving a phenomenal vote. From the effects of the climate and his efforts in behalf of his regiment, Col. Hawkins was taken sick in the far-off islands and he was urged to return home, but no persuasion could induce him to leave his "boys" until he had brought them back to the homes he had taken them from, but he died before his noble mission was entirely accomplished, passing away on board the transport "Senator," on July 18, 1900.

Col. Hawkins was married in 1869, to Miss Cynthia Greenfield, and to them were born three children: Clyde E., Jessie Benton and Frank B. The elder son, Capt. C. E. Hawkins, was educated at Washington and was in his third year at Washington and Jefferson College, when he received his appointment to West Point, where he graduated in the class of 1895. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kas., and sailed with his regiment to the Philippine Islands on December 5, 1909. Jessie Benton, the daughter, is the wife of Robert W. Darragh, who is an attorney-at-law at Beaver, Pa. Frank B. Hawkins, the younger son, is a captain in the U. S. Army, and for two years was stationed in Cuba, and at present is in command of a company of the 29th U. S. Inf., at Governor's Island, N. Y. He married Miss Rebecca Streator, daughter of Col. J. B. R. Streator, of Washington, Pa. The widow of Col. Hawkins resides in her pleasant home at No. 49 South Wade avenue, Washington.

For many reasons the late Col. Hawkins will long be remembered. His personality was compelling, and his friends, to whom he was ever loyal, were equally true. As a soldier he possessed the courage which inspired his men and the executive ability that brought about their fullest efficiency. He was a hero of two wars and gave up his life when aged but fifty-six years, after fighting for the freedom of an alien people.

WILLIAM W. SPROWLS, M.D., one of Washington County's eminent medical men now located at Houston, served for ten years as physician to the Washington County Home and Children's Home. He was born at Bentleyville, Washington County, Pa., March 30, 1852, and is a son of William and Margaret (Mitchell) Sprowls.

The paternal great-grandfather of Dr. Sprowls was born in North Ireland and from there came to America and was one of the first of the hardy pioneers who faced the dangers along the frontier boundary of the Monongahela in western Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by a large number of kindred and from that day until

the present this name has been one of more or less prominence in this section and many have borne it with distinction. This ancestor bore the name of John Sprowls, and he established the family in Finley Township, Washington County, a division that is now known as East Finley. The paternal grandfather bore the name of Edward and he accompanied his father from Ireland to Washington County, where he subsequently married Sarah Brown and they lived in Finley Township until 1840, when they retired to Bentleyville and both died there.

William Sprowls, father of Dr. Sprowls, was born in Finley Township, lived there and in Chartiers Township and at Bentleyville and died in Somerset Township in 1897, aged seventy-seven years. He was one of a family of twelve children: William; Elizabeth, Isaiiah, Margaret and Jane, none of the four ever married; Elmira, who married Philip Robinson, resided near Claysville, in Finley Township for many years and died at Bentleyville; George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were substantial farmers but they never married; Julia Ann, who is now in her eighty-third year, still lives on the old homestead; Edward, who died at Bentleyville, never married; Obediah, however, married twice, (first) Damoret Mitchell and after her death, Henrietta Luker; Sarah Ann, who is the widow of Nelson Town, resides in eastern Ohio. William Sprowls married Margaret Mitchell, who was born in Washington County and died in 1898, aged seventy-nine years. She was a daughter of David and Hannah (Burt) Mitchell. David Mitchell came to Washington County from New Jersey and settled near Beallsville, where he died. His children were as follows: Eleanor, who was married first to a Mr. Freeman and later to Daniel Flick; Mark, who married Sarah Lutz and died in Ohio; Jemima, who never married; Mary, who married Louis Cleaver, died in Iowa; David, who married Sarah Lutes, died at Bentleyville; John, who married in Nebraska, died there and his family live at Lincoln; Julia Ann, who resides at Beallsville, was married (first) to Christopher Croft and (second) to John Hough; Hannah, who died unmarried; Sheshbazzar, who resided in Illinois, married; and Martha Jane, who died single.

To William Sprowls and wife were born the following children: Sarah Ellen, who resides at Houston; Mary Jane, who is the widow of Daniel Sumney, resides in Somerset Township, near Bentleyville; Hiram Mitchell died in infancy; William W., of Houston; Mark, who died in Washington County, married Sadie Devore; Margaret Malissa, who married John Sumney, resides at Donora, Pa.; and Arthur Melville, who follows the carpenter trade, resides at Carnegie and married Ida Devore.

William W. Sprowls attended Jefferson Academy at

Canonsburg and the Normal School at California, Pa., prior to entering the Western Reserve Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1884. For two years thereafter he practiced medicine at McConnell's Mill and then moved to Houston, where he has been established ever since. He is a member of the Washington County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Society, and thus has always kept thoroughly in touch with all the wonderful strides forward made by his beloved science.

On October 8, 1874, Dr. Sprowls was married to Miss Mary Wylie, a daughter of Archie and Nancy (Wilson) Wylie, of Chartiers Township. She was three years old when brought to Washington County. Two children born to Dr. and Mrs. Sprowls are deceased, namely: Gemella Mary, and a son unnamed. The survivors are: Nannie Margretta, who is the wife of Rev. James S. Ferris, who is a member of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and now resides in Colorado; William, unmarried, who lives on his ranch in Colorado; and Lloyd Sumney, who is principal of the Midland schools and is a graduate of Jefferson Academy. Dr. Sprowls and family are members of the Houston Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was one of the organizers.

Dr. Sprowls has been one of Washington County's most active citizens. For nine years he served as a member of the township school board and six years as a member of the borough board. In 1906 he was elected to the General Assembly and served most acceptably to the people of Washington County, reflecting their views and safeguarding their interests, through 1907 and 1908. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and is a member of the lodge at Canonsburg.

LEWIS SNYDER, deceased. In naming over the prominent pioneer families of Washington County, that of Snyder is found to be one of the foremost and through the generations which have passed since it was first established in this part of Pennsylvania, it has produced the very highest class of citizens. One of these was the late Lewis Snyder. He was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1844, and died in 1895.

For many years Lewis Snyder carried on large agricultural operations and was widely known not only for his industry and thrift, but also for his good citizenship. He married Matilda Barger, who came also from one of the old county families, and they had two children, both of whom survive: Ray, who is the wife of William Agnew, of Washington, Pa.; and Lewis Snyder. The parents were most estimable people and were members of the Evangelical Church. Lewis Snyder was educated in the Washington schools and then learned the machinist trade and is employed in one of the large establishments at

Washington. He is an enterprising young man who enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends and the respect of those with whom he has business relations.

RICHARD JUDSON MATHERS, road supervisor and one of the substantial farmers of North Strabane Township, Washington County, where he owns a tract of 133 acres, was born November 10, 1860, and is a son of Milton K. and Angeline M. (Dagg) Mathers.

Milton K. Mathers, who is a cooper by trade, was born May 3, 1822, in Payette County, Pa., and is a son of John and Susan Mathers. In 1844 he came to Washington County, and settled in the Giffin district of Cecil Township, where he worked at his trade for many years. For many years he resided on a farm in Cecil Township, and in 1901 came to North Strabane Township, where he resides with his son, the subject of this sketch. He was twice married, his first wife, Mary J. Giffin, who died in 1847, was a daughter of James Giffin, of Cecil Township. There were no children born of this union. His second marriage was with Angeline Dagg, a daughter of Richard Dagg, of Cecil Township, and of this union were born the following children: Anna J., who is head matron at the Woodville Home; George, who died in 1885; Susan, who died in 1887; Richard J.; Franklin C., who died in 1877; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Charles Crum; Ella, who lives at home; and Ida, who is the wife of Arthur White of North Strabane Township.

Richard J. Mathers, who was educated in the schools of his district, began business life as a farmer on a rented farm in Cecil Township, where he also conducted a dairy until 1901. He then purchased the Samuel McMillen farm in North Strabane Township, and to this he added in 1909, the Coulter farm, which adjoins the original purchase, and now owns 133 acres of fine farm land. While he devoted the greater part of his time to farming, he also deals in live stock to a certain extent, and is agent for a fertilizer company, for which he has an extensive partonage among the surrounding farmers. Mr. Mathers is a Republican in politics and has served the township as road supervisor one term. He has never married and makes his home with his parents, who reside on the farm with him. The family holds membership with the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg.

JAMES C. ACHESON, deceased, for many years was actively concerned with the business affairs of Washington, Pa., where, as a citizen as well as business man, his inflexible honesty and sound judgment commanded respect, while his personal characteristics invited esteem. He was a native of Washington, born February 13, 1824, and was a son of David and Mary (Wilson) Acheson.

The Acheson family originated in Scotland but moved over to County Armagh, Ireland, in 1604, where they occupied large estates at Glassdrummond. The first of the family to come to America, of whom record has been preserved, was John Acheson, the second son of George and Elizabeth (Weir) Acheson. That he was a man of sound business ideas was proved by the fact that he came to the colonies before the Revolutionary War had closed and succeeded in securing contracts to furnish the American troops with supplies. He met death in 1790, while crossing the Alleghany Mountains on horseback and was survived by a widow and two children, who remained in Ireland. David Acheson, the youngest brother of John Acheson was born in 1770, and in 1788, together with other members of the family, he came to America and located at Philadelphia and was engaged in assisting his brother John to fill his contracts, up to the death of the latter. The operations of the brothers were large for that time and they covered, in their mercantile journeys, territory from Pittsburg to New Orleans. Later, David and his brother Thomas Acheson, became interested in the tea trade at Pittsburg and Washington. David Acheson was also a politician and he was elected on the Democratic ticket to many positions of responsibility and represented Washington County in the State Legislature in 1795-97 and 1804. He was a man of unusual qualities.

In 1799 David Acheson was married to Elizabeth Young, who died February 27, 1800. On October 31, 1805, he was married (second) to Mary Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson, of Washington, Pa., but a native of Ireland. David Acheson and wife lived first at Philadelphia, but in 1815 returned to Washington, where he erected a beautiful home and engaged in business for some years, in the meanwhile making several trips to his native land. He died in December, 1851, and was survived by his widow until 1872. They reared a somewhat notable family of children who bore the following names: John, Alexander W., Catherine, David, Mary Jane, Margaret, William, George, James C., Ellen, Marcus W. and David.

James C. Acheson of the above family, attended the common schools at Washington and also was a student in Washington College. He was sixteen years of age when he went to Pittsburg and there was employed as a clerk for a time and later had experience in the same line at Wheeling, W. Va. In 1842 he returned to Washington and in the following year became his brother's assistant in a grocery business, later became his partner and in 1863 became sole proprietor.

Mr. Acheson was married (first) April 20, 1847, to Elizabeth Wilson, who died in 1855, the mother of four children: Annie E., who married H. M. Dongan, Esq.; Mary W.; and two children died at an early age. Mr.



Acheson was married (second) October 1, 1857, to Mary E. Mahon, who died in 1860, leaving two children, namely: Alexander W. and Frances. He was married (third) September 1, 1863, to Mary F. Bureau, a granddaughter of one of the early French settlers of Gallipolis, Ohio. To this marriage were born five children, as follows: Madeline, who married Frederick S. Rich; Margaret R.; Grace C.; Charles L. V., who is district attorney of Washington County and a prominent citizen of Washington; and Eleanor W. Mr. Acheson was one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church and for a long period of years was an elder. He took great interest also in the Sunday school and many recall how earnest he was in his efforts to foster the moral impulses of the younger generation. In politics he was identified with the Republican party and had served usefully as a member of the borough council. His only fraternal relations were with the Masons and at one time he served in the office of deputy grand master of his lodge.

GEORGE C. SCHLEHR, vice-president of the Ellsworth National Bank, at Ellsworth, Pa., and chief clerk of the Ellsworth Collieries Company, at this point, was born at Buffalo, N. Y., August 6, 1871, and is a son of Leonard C. and Emma (Sandell) Schlehr.

George C. Schlehr was reared at Buffalo and after leaving the high school, took a commercial course in the Bryant and Stratton Business College, following which he entered into the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and continued with that corporation for fifteen years. In 1903, Mr. Schlehr came to Ellsworth and has been prominently identified with its leading interests ever since. This is termed a model mining town. The visitor is astonished to see the neat brick or tile houses for the employes of the four mines situated here, the clean, well-kept streets, the handsome business houses and the attractive railroad station, and in comparing it with other mining towns where the workmen are forced to occupy frame shacks and shanties with none of the comforts and few of the actual necessities of civilized living, he is enthusiastic over the appearance of Ellsworth. It was laid out in 1900 by J. W. Ellsworth, of Hudson, Ohio, formerly of Chicago, Ill., and completed in 1901. It was the aim of Mr. Ellsworth to make Ellsworth, Pa., a model mining town, and laid it out in old English style in type of houses and buildings, including a building on the style of an old English tap room, where beer is sold in restricted quantities. At each end of the room in question is situated a large open fire place, six feet in width, with logs as fuel. A restaurant is also attached. Lawns, trees, shrubbery and a well-kept macadam road go to make the village very attractive.

The Ellsworth Collieries Company employs 1,600 men at this point and 600 more at Cokeburg. The capacity

of the mines is about three million tons per year, and includes one of the most successful waste heat systems in this country. The plant was installed under the supervision of General Superintendent W. R. Calverley, who, at the present time, is with the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, as general superintendent of the Windber district, Windber, Pa.

Mr. Schlehr is chief clerk of the immense office force required to do the necessary official business. The National Bank of Ellsworth is a separate corporation. Its officers are: E. A. S. Clark, of New York City, president; George C. Schlehr, vice-president; L. A. Foot, cashier; J. P. Higginson, assistant cashier; and Marshall Lapham, auditor. The directors are: E. A. S. Clark, who is also president of the Lackawanna Steel Company, G. C. Schlehr, Henry Burris, W. R. Calverley and Benjamin Holliday.

Mr. Schlehr was married to Miss Sarah Josephine Perlette, a native of Canada, and they have two children: Maud Myrtle Sandell, and Naomi Violet. Mr. Schlehr is identified with the Masons, belonging to the McKean Commandery, No. 80, at Charleroi, Pa., and the Syrian Temple at Pittsburg, and is also an Odd Fellow.

GEN. JAMES B. RUPLE, deceased. For many years Gen. Ruple was prominently identified with the affairs of Washington, Pa., and served with honor in a number of important official positions in the county. He was born at Washington, Pa., June 3, 1812, and was a son of James and Diana (Goodrich) Ruple.

The Ruple family is of German extraction and it was established on American soil in early colonial days. Baltis Ruple, the grandfather, was a resident of Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War, later moved to Morris County, N. J., and from there, in 1794, to Washington County, Pa., where he died in 1794. He was twice married, having three children born to his first union: Ruth, John and Samuel. His second marriage was to Anna McCollum and they had five children: James, David, Elizabeth, Mary and Margaret. The widow of Baltis Ruple married Maj. Charles Cracraft, who was distinguished as an Indian fighter on the frontier and was held captive by the savages a number of times.

Col. James Ruple, father of Gen. Ruple, was born in New Jersey, February 18, 1788, and was six years of age when he accompanied his parents to Washington County. He attended the subscription schools of that period and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner and also engaged in the manufacture of brick and the building of fanning mills. He found a large outlay of capital was required to buy the woven wire screens for his mills and therefore decided to endeavor to manufacture it himself. His natural inventive talent enabled him to construct an apparatus that proved a success and gave

him an opportunity to enlarge his business and increase his capacity until he included in his manufactures, rolling screes for flouring mills, sieves, riddles, and also wire rat and mouse traps, fenders for fire places and other useful articles and utensils. As a man of business he was very prominent and later became equally so as a soldier. He served in the War of 1812 as adjutant of a Pennsylvania regiment, and was assigned to the Niagara frontier, but the regiment was subsequently disbanded and as his health was poor, he returned home. In 1814, when the city of Baltimore was attacked, he set out in command of a company to aid in its defense, but these services were not needed. After the close of the war he was commissioned a colonel in the uniformed militia and for many years was in command of a regiment. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat and served in a number of county offices.

In 1809, Col. Ruple was married to Diana Goodrich, a native of New York and a daughter of Jesse Goodrich, who located in Washington County late in the eighteenth century. The Goodrich family was of English origin and was established in America by two brothers of the name, in 1648. One of these brothers was subsequently lost at sea but the other settled in Connecticut and became the progenitor of one of the most prominent families of New England. To Col. Ruple and wife were born the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Ruth; James B.; Minerva, who married Henry M. Bristor; Joseph C., who lived in Washington County at the time of his death; Samuel H.; Sarah, who married William Acheson; Rebecca, who married Rev. L. P. Streater; Anna, who married John D. Braden; and John, David, Henry and Ruth. Col. Ruple died January 8, 1855, and was survived by his widow until December, 1875.

James B. Ruple attended the subscription schools of his native place and when twelve years old began to assist his father in his shop, helping in the weaving of the wire for the fanning mills. When fourteen years old he became afflicted with a disease that partially disabled him for some years but did not prevent his serving as a clerk in one of the county offices. In 1832 he went to Greenbrier County, Va., where he remained until the winter of 1835-6, engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills. At this time he accepted a situation in the office of John A. North, who was clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western District of Virginia. In the spring of 1836, however, he returned to Washington, where he accepted a clerkship in the postoffice for some months, when his health again gave way and after retiring from office work he then engaged in cabinetmaking. He entered into business in Louisiana but again ill health interfered and the malaria he contracted in

the South followed him to such an extent that in 1837 he was obliged to retire for a time from all business.

In January, 1839, Gen. Ruple was appointed clerk in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, and this he accepted and served most efficiently until 1845, under Governor David R. Porter. Prior to retiring from this official position, he had purchased a one-half interest in the Washington "Examiner," a weekly publication, and for four years was associated with T. W. Grayson in the proprietorship of that paper. In 1852 he was appointed deputy to Sheriff John McAllister and served as such for three years, and for two subsequent years he served as acting prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, during the illness of Prothonotary W. S. Moore. In 1857 he was elected prothonotary and in 1860 he was re-elected to this office and gave eight years of useful and valuable service in this position. In 1869 or 1870 he was appointed assessor of internal revenue for 24th Pennsylvania District. After retiring from this office he lived practically removed from business activity. For an extended period he was closely identified with the militia of the State and took pride in the efficient organization. In 1836 he was elected captain of a volunteer company and in 1846 he was appointed by Governor Shunk as one of his aides, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and in 1855 he was commissioned a general in the State militia and by this title he was ever afterward known. In 1848 he had been made a Mason and in 1841 he became an Odd Fellow and with this organization he was prominently connected for years. In 1852 he was chosen grand representative to the Grand Lodge of the order in the United States, being the first representative sent from western Pennsylvania. In 1843-44 he was district deputy grand master of the Harrisburg District, and in 1845, 1846, 1847 and 1848, of the Washington District. His interests had been so many and his life of so much usefulness that he was very widely known. His family connections associated him with many of the leading people of Washington County, and his kindred take pride in the relationship.

On September 24, 1839, James B. Ruple was married to Miss Sarah A. Mayes, a daughter of Charles Mayes, and seven children were born to this union, namely: Charles M.; James Goodrich; Virginia A., who is the widow of Rev. J. J. Jones; Anna M.; Frank W.; Catherine, who married William M. Thompson; and Etta M., who is the wife of Dr. A. J. Culbertson, who is a prominent dental surgeon at Washington. In his early political career, Gen. Ruple was a Democrat, but after the organization of the Republican party and the spreading of its principles, he became one of its strongest supporters.

WILLIAM COURSON, a member of the board of directors of the poor, for Washington County, Pa., resides in Amwell Township, near Braddock Station, where he owns a farm of 171 acres of highly improved land and occupies what is probably the finest rural home in Washington County, this being a commodious residence of modern construction. Mr. Courson was born in North Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., April 28, 1849, and is a son of Benjamin and Lucinda (Carter) Courson.

Benjamin Courson was born in New Jersey and remained there until he was twenty years of age when he came to Washington County, settling at that time near the site of Washington, in what is now North Franklin Township. He engaged in farming and stock raising and also did business as an auctioneer. Some years previous to his death, in 1897, he retired to Washington. He married Lucinda Carter, who was born in Amwell Township and was a daughter of Isaac Carter and a granddaughter of William Carter, who was one of Amwell Township's early settlers. He owned large tracts of land and also operated one of the pioneer grist mills, on North Ten-Mile Creek. To this mill came the settlers for many miles around and he conducted the mill for a long period.

William Courson spent the larger part of his early life in Amwell Township and remained with his parents until he reached maturity. When he started out for himself he engaged in farming in Amwell Township and for three years was in partnership with H. M. Keeney, their operations including the buying and shipping of stock. Later he continued the business by himself and in 1883 he settled on his present farm, where he has resided ever since. This land is very valuable and Mr. Courson, by his improvements, has added materially to its worth. In 1898 he erected his beautiful home, and in 1906 built the home in which his son lives on the farm.

For many years Mr. Courson has been one of Amwell Township's most active, useful and public spirited citizens. In recognition of these qualities he has frequently been invited to hold offices of importance, and for twelve consecutive years he has served as road supervisor and for three years as township auditor, and is serving in his second term as a director of the poor for Washington County, formerly being chairman of the board. In his political views he is a Republican. He has interested himself in the extension of that great public convenience, the telephone, and is a director in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company, of Washington County, and his son, John Courson, is a lineman for the company.

Mr. Courson was married to Miss Sydney Watson, who was born in Amwell Township and is a daughter of

William Watson, formerly a prominent citizen, and to this marriage six children have been born, namely: Lillie, who married Albert Horn, of North Franklin Township; Herschel V. and William E., both of whom live in Amwell Township; Ray G., who resides in North Franklin Township; John H., who resides in Amwell Township; and one who is deceased. Mr. Courson has three sisters and one brother, as follows: Nancy, who is the wife of John W. Van Kirk, of Washington; Jane, who is the wife of William Galley, of Washington; and Fannie and Frank, both of whom live at Washington. Mrs. Courson has three sisters, namely: Sadie, who is the wife of Abel Shipe and lives in Amwell Township; and Catherine, who is the wife of Alexander McFee, residing near Washington, Pa. Mr. Courson is president of the board of trustees of Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church at Van Kirk Station.

ALFRED G. BRADEN, senior member of the prominent law firm of Braden & Campbell, at Washington, Pa., is equally well known here as an educator, having been principal of the public schools of Washington from 1884 to 1897. He is a native of Washington Borough, born October 16, 1858, and is a son of Hon. John B. and Anna (Raple) Braden.

Alfred G. Braden completed the public school course at Washington, graduating with credit from the high school, after which he pursued a four years' classical course in Washington and Jefferson College. He then turned his attention to civil engineering and for three years served as a civil engineer, for one year being connected with the Pittsburg Southern Railroad and for two years with the Charters and Youghiogheny Railroad Company. In 1884 he accepted the appointment of principal of the public schools of Washington and in large measure their superior efficiency may be attributed to his strenuous efforts to raise their standard. During this professional engagement he quietly prepared himself for the law and was admitted to the bar in 1895, began practice in 1897, and since has given his whole attention to his practice and has established his reputation as an able lawyer and one in whose hands the interests of his clients are safe.

On July 21, 1886, Mr. Braden was married to Miss Ida Mann Hall, a daughter of John H. and Irene Jane (Howell) Hall, of Wheeling W. Va. The grandfather of Mrs. Braden was Stewart Hall, of County Tyrone, Ireland, who was a son of John Hall, a native of Essex, England. Her mother is of Scotch descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Braden the following children have been born: Ida R., Laura H., Alfred G., Anna R., Edith, John McIntyre and Irene H., the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Braden and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views he is a Democrat.

JOHN C. VAN KIRK, deceased. The Van Kirk family has been a prominent and substantial one in Washington County for some generations, and there was no more respected or esteemed member of it than the late John C. Van Kirk, who lived a long and honorable life in Amwell Township and died there February 17, 1897. He was a son of Capt. Joseph and Eliza (Corwin) Van Kirk, both natives of Washington County.

The late John C. Van Kirk was given such school advantages as the neighborhood afforded at the period of his boyhood, after which he devoted himself closely to his agricultural operations, which were extensive, and to performing the duties of the offices to which he was frequently elected by his fellow citizens, who recognized in him a man of sterling worth and ripe judgment. For a long period Mr. Van Kirk devoted his farm of 244 acres in Amwell Township mainly to stock raising and made a specialty of sheep, sometimes having flocks of 300, and also took much interest in breeding Shorthorn cattle. His stock possessed such merit that it frequently bore off the prizes when exhibited at the county fairs. In politics he was a Democrat. He favored and supported the public schools although mainly self-educated himself, and for nine consecutive years served as a member of the school board of Amwell Township, during a part of this time being president of that body. He was a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church at Amity.

On February 19, 1857, Mr. Van Kirk was married to Miss Mary E. McClenathan, who was born in Greene County, Pa., July 17, 1833. Her parents were John and Irena (Van Dyke) McClenathan, both of whom were born in Washington County. Her grandparents were William and Mary McClenathan, natives of New Jersey, who were early settlers in Amwell Township. John McClenathan was twice married and the surviving children of his first union are: Mary E., who is Mrs. Van Kirk; Catherine, who is the widow of Craig Van Emman, resides in Texas; and Thomas F., who lives in Colorado. John McClenathan was married (second) to Rachel Carter, of Washington County, and they had four children, the two survivors being: John, who is a practicing physician at Connellsville, Pa., and William F., who lives in Amwell Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk two daughters were born: Irena M. and Katie F., both of whom reside on the homestead farm with their mother. Mrs. Van Kirk is a member of Liberty Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church at Van Kirk Station. She has a wide circle of friends and is much beloved by all who know her. The Van Kirks and McClenathans are numbered with the representative families of Washington County.

JOHN H. VAN KIRK, one of South Franklin Township's representative citizens, whose two farms, one of

106 acres and the other of 125 acres are both situated here, has long been prominent in advancing enterprises which are for the general welfare of this section and has been an able champion of the good roads movement. He was born in Washington County, Pa., in what is now South Franklin Township, July 12, 1844, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Adams) Van Kirk.

Joseph Van Kirk was a son of Joseph Van Kirk, who was a son of John Van Kirk, who was a native of New Jersey and settled in Amwell Township, Washington County, at an early day. The second Joseph Van Kirk spent his whole life in South Franklin Township, where he died in 1871. He was a man of business integrity and of such excellent reputation that he was frequently elected to responsible township offices. He was one of the liberal supporters of the Presbyterian Church at East Buffalo. He was twice married, to his first union having four children born to him, three of whom died young. One daughter survived to maturity and became the wife of Colin Dickerson, but is now deceased. His second marriage was to Martha Adams, who was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, and they had four children, there being two survivors: John H. and Margaret, the latter of whom is the widow of the late Silas Tharp, of Amwell Township, where she lives.

John H. Van Kirk attended the district schools near his home through a happy boyhood and then turned his strength and energies to assisting his father in his large agricultural operations. Sheep growing has always been profitable in Washington County and Mr. Van Kirk profited by his father's success and later by his own experience and has been one of the most successful sheep raisers in this section. After experimenting, he decided on the Delaine breed of sheep as being the one most profitable, and makes a specialty of raising this kind for its fine and abundant wool. He also breeds Shorthorn and Jersey cattle and his herds are among the best in South Franklin Township. Although his large acreage has demanded much care and his stock constant supervision, Mr. Van Kirk has found time to work in the interest of good roads, believing that this is a vital subject to agriculturists. He is a member of the American Roadmakers' Association, an organization working along the lines in which he is interested, and he has served most usefully as township road supervisor, for three years, applying his knowledge and making use of his experience as far as has been found expedient. Along other lines Mr. Van Kirk has also demonstrated his value as an earnest and valuable citizen.

Mr. Van Kirk married Miss Margaret Noble, of Buffalo Township, Washington County, a daughter of the late Robert Noble, and they have had five children, namely: an infant who died unnamed; Mary V., who married John N. Patterson, of Washington; Robert N., who re-



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sides in South Franklin Township; Martha B., who married John H. Jack, of Washington; and Sarah M., who is now deceased, was the wife of Christopher Altwater, leaving a son named James Altwater. Mr. Van Kirk and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at East Buffalo, in which he has been an elder for a quarter of a century and has shown his deep interest in the children of the church by serving as superintendent of the well attended Sunday school. Like his father before him, the principles of the old Democratic party have seemed most in accordance with his views on public questions.

CHARLES M. RUPLE, one of Washington's best known citizens and a leading member of her bar, was born June 14, 1840, at Harrisburg, Pa., where his parents were residing at the time, his father filling an official position in the office of the secretary of state. He is a member of one of the prominent old Washington County families, a son of Gen. James B. and Sarah A. (Mayes) Ruple.

Charles M. Ruple was four years old when his parents returned from Harrisburg to Washington and he was reared in the midst of educational and social advantages. When he graduated from the public schools of Washington he was elected valedictorian of his class and then entered Washington College. His entrance into business was in the capacity of a clerk in the prothonotary's office at Washington, with which his father was identified for many years, and there he was engaged until 1864. Later he served as deputy prothonotary for a time and then went to Beaver County and served in the office of Capt. John Culbertson, until May 1, 1865. He had already made some progress in the study of law and after he returned to Washington he continued his reading, in the office of Attorney Boyd Crumrine, his earliest preceptor, Attorney Robert H. Koontz, having died in the meantime. In 1866, Mr. Ruple was admitted to the bar and in the same year was commissioned a notary public, by Governor Curtin. He served as a notary until 1883 and during five years of this time served also as deputy clerk of the courts. In 1883 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, to which he was re-elected in 1888, serving until 1903. In that year he entered into a law partnership with T. McK. Hughes, under the style of Hughes & Ruple, a firm that has a very high standing in Washington County. He is one of the county's active Republicans and his loyalty to party and friends has frequently been acknowledged. He is serving his city at present in a number of capacities, being secretary of the board of health, secretary of the Citizens' Library Association, and he is also memorial secretary of the Bar Association.

In April, 1877, Mr. Ruple was married to Miss Lide J.

Moore, a daughter of David Moore, of Monongahela City. They reside at No. 167 North Main street, and he maintains his office at No. 38 South Main street.

JOHN W. QUIVEY, superintendent of the Washington County Home, owns a valuable farm of sixty-eight acres, situated in Chartiers Township, one and one-half miles northwest of Houston. This land is a part of his grandfather's old farm and has been in the family for over fifty years. Mr. Quivey is a member of an old and representative county family, and was born May 12, 1868, in Chartiers Township, Washington Co., Pa., and is a son of James and Mary (White) Quivey.

The Quivey family was established in Washington County by the great grandfather, Daniel Quivey, who came from New Jersey, settling here when the country was almost a wilderness. He reared a family and his son, Daniel Quivey, was born in Washington County in 1804, and died on the farm in Chartiers Township, which his descendants own, in 1877. He married Julia Holland, who was born near Bentleyville, Washington County, in 1805, and died in 1889.

James Quivey, father of John W., son of Daniel, Jr., and grandson of Daniel Quivey, Sr., was born in Chartiers Township, in March, 1839, and still survives, hale and hearty. He married Mary White, who was born in 1847 and died in October, 1904, aged fifty-seven years. They had the following children: Harry G., who is engaged in breeding Holstein cattle and farming near Wylandville, Washington County; Alice M., who is the wife of C. K. Porter, of Houston; Lena and Cora B., both of whom reside at home; and John W. James Quivey served two years and ten months in the Civil War, being a member of the celebrated Ringgold Cavalry.

John W. Quivey attended the McNary school in Chartiers Township and spent one year at Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg. For the past twenty-five years, in association with his father, Mr. Quivey has been in the dairy and stock business, for the past seventeen years their dealings as breeders and shippers of thoroughbred Holstein cattle being a large industry. For three years they retailed the milk from their dairy to local dealers, but after that shipped it all to Pittsburg. Since 1905, when he was elected superintendent of the Washington County Home, Mr. Quivey has devoted the larger part of his attention to this public institution.

On May 8, 1895, Mr. Quivey was married to Miss Martha S. Stewart, a daughter of William Stewart, of Canton Township, and they have five children, namely: Elva L., Martha Helen, Mary Hazel, James Stewart and Grace L. Mr. and Mrs. Quivey are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Houston. In politics, Mr. Quivey is a Republican. In 1904 his friends elected him a justice of the peace but he failed to take out his

commission, and they elected him again in 1905 and he served until 1908, when he resigned in order to assume his present duties. For eight years he has been a member of the fair board of the Burgettstown fair and is serving in his second year as president of the board. Mr. Quivey is a leading citizen of his section, interested in all the important movements of the day and particularly in all those affecting the welfare of Washington County.

ADAM WEIR, postmaster at Van Buren, Pa., has served continuously in this office since he was appointed to the same by President Grant, and in point of service is one of the oldest postmasters in Washington County. Mr. Weir was born on the farm on which he lives, in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., October 21, 1852, and is a son of Adam and Cynthia (Minton) Weir.

The parents of Mr. Weir were both born in Washington County, the father in South Franklin and the mother in Morris Township. Adam Weir the elder became a large farmer and extensive sheep grower and at one time was considered the largest stock raiser in Washington County. He dealt extensively in wool and on occasions sheared as many as 3,500 sheep at one time. In politics he was a Democrat but his business interests were so large that he seldom consented to serve in public office. He was public spirited and assisted in the building of the Upper Ten-Mile turnpike road. For many years he was a member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church at Prosperity. He married Cynthia Minton and four of their children survive, namely: John N., who resides at Washington; Sarah, who is the wife of Frank M. Gabbey, of Washington; Adam, postmaster at Van Buren; and Florella, who resides at Washington.

Adam Weir of the above family, attended school in South Franklin Township until old enough to take a practical part in the management of the home farm. He owns 440 acres of valuable land which he devotes mainly to stock raising. He is an extensive live stock dealer and buys and sells horses, cattle and sheep. He is widely known and is considered one of Washington's shrewd business men and reliable and representative citizens.

Mr. Weir was married to Miss Ella Hanna, a daughter of Thomas Hanna, of Morris Township, and they have had a family of five children as follows: Edward, who is now deceased; Helen H., who is the wife of Rev. William Craig, of Hookstown, Pa.; and Flo, Fannie M. and Mary C., all of whom live at home. Mr. Weir is a leading member of the Upper Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church at Prosperity, in which he has been a deacon for some years. Nominally, Mr. Weir is a Democrat but in many respects he is not in accord with his party and claims the right to think and act independently as his judgment dictates. He has always been a useful citizen

of his township which he served many years as school director and is at present serving in the office of road supervisor.

CHARLES KOCHENDARFER, who is identified with the Tyler Tube and Pipe Company, in the capacity of roller, has numerous other interests, all of which contribute to his standing as a representative business man of Washington. He was born at New Enterprise, Bedford County, Pa., in 1862, a son of David Kochendarfer.

The father of Mr. Kochendarfer now resides at Hollidaysburg, in Blair County. He also was born in Bedford County, where his people were pioneer settlers. During his active years he was a carpenter and contractor. He married Katherine Swaney, who died in 1901, and they had five children, namely: Charles; Edward, who resides at Hollidaysburg; William and Bertha, twins, the former of whom died in 1906; and John, who died of scarlet fever, when aged four years.

Charles Kochendarfer was mainly reared and educated in Blair County. When seventeen years of age he began work in the iron manufacturing plants at Hollidaysburg and has been identified with this great industry ever since. He has worked in nearly every large iron mill between Philadelphia and Birmingham, Ala. He owns stock in a number of prospering enterprises and is half owner in the firm of Ben Reynolds & Co.

In 1889, Mr. Kochendarfer was married to Miss Katherine Ditzer, who was born and reared at Hollidaysburg and is a daughter of Henry Ditzer, of that place. Three children have been born to this union: Bertha, Harry and David. Mr. Kochendarfer has been a resident of Washington since March, 1892, and owns a comfortable home at No. 836 Allison avenue. He is identified with the Masons, the Elks, the Woodmen of the World and the Royal Neighbors.

ROBERT FREDERICK DOUDS, a representative of a family that has been prominent in Washington County for many years, has been a resident of Canonsburg since 1854 and resides in a handsome residence which he built in 1909. He was born in Meadowlands, in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., November 15, 1848, and is a son of Joseph Willison and Margaret Sarah (Beggs) Douds.

Joseph Willison Douds was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1811. In early manhood he taught school and later located at Canonsburg, where he conducted a bookstore until 1863. He was elected county treasurer, retiring from that office in January, 1866, when he returned to Canonsburg and resumed his mercantile pursuits. He died in 1875, at the age of sixty-five years. His father's people were of German extraction. He married Margaret Sarah Beggs, who was born in Huntingdon County, Pa.,



and was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Clyde) Beggs, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Mrs. Douds survived her husband for a number of years, dying in 1892, when aged eighty-four years. To them were born the following children: Joseph Clyde, Rachel Jane, Margaret Eliza beth, Robert Frederick and Alexander. All survive except Rachel Jane and Alexander.

Robert Frederick Douds attended the common schools of Canonsburg and is a graduate of the Eastman Business College. In 1865 he became bookkeeper in a business house at Pittsburg, where he remained two years and then entered the employ of T. C. Jenkins, in the wholesale grocery line, and continued there until 1892. In the spring of 1893 he became a member of the Tarentum Paper Company, which was incorporated in 1905, since which time Mr. Douds has been general manager, secretary and treasurer. During all this time he has retained his home at Canonsburg. He has never married. In politics he is independent. During the Civil War his brother, Joseph Clyde Douds, served two years, being sergeant major of the 55th Pa. Vol. Inf.

Mr. Douds has been active in the business world since he was 17 years of age. In addition to the interests mentioned, he is a stockholder in the Second National Bank of Pittsburg, the Westinghouse Electric Company, the Panhandle Railroad Company, the Citizens Trust Company of Canonsburg, the Fidelity Glass Company and the Tarentum Glass Company, of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pa. He was reared in the United Presbyterian Church.

LOUIS VAN ORDEN, principal and proprietor of the Washington Business College and Normal School, an educational institution of much more than local celebrity, has been identified with the interests of this city since 1896. He was born in Robinson Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of the late William Van Orden, who was a native of New Jersey and of Holland ancestry. He settled in Washington County in 1845 and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Louis Van Orden attended the township schools and received academic training at Canonsburg and is a graduate of Duff's Business College, of Pittsburg. In 1887 he was graduated from the New York University and for eight subsequent years taught in the preparatory schools in the city of New York. In 1896 he came to Washington and had the foresight that enabled him to recognize this city as a fine field for a thorough-going, practical and modern educational institution conducted along the lines he has since carried it. He bought out an old school that had been in operation in the De Normandie Block and established the Washington Business College and Normal School, receiving encouragement from the start. In 1900 he transferred to his

present fine location, where, with enlarged facilities, he has continued to carry on his work with the most satisfactory results. In addition to the business course offered, the Normal department is designed to fit students for teaching and from it have gone out many who have become prominent educators and have found themselves well equipped for their work. Students are in attendance from different sections of the State and each year the institution gains more prestige. Formerly Prof. Van Orden conducted an auxiliary business school at Waynesburg, but this he has discontinued and gives all his attention to his Washington enterprise.

WILLIAM B. CARR, Burgess of West Alexander, Pa., who is serving his second term in this honorable office, came to this place in July, 1901, as telegraph operator and assistant agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with which he is still identified. He was born near Grafton, W. Va., Feb. 14, 1868, and is a son of Edward and Nannie (Hertzog) Carr.

The paternal grandfather, William Carr, was born in Ireland and after coming to America, resided for a number of years in Union County, Ohio, later removing to Marshall County, W. Va., where his death took place following his service in the Union Army in the Civil War. Edward Carr, father of William B., was born near Richmond, Va., and he also served in the Civil War. He had a fine military record and twice was awarded a furlough home on account of personal bravery. He married Nannie Hertzog, who was born in Preston County, W. Va.

William B. Carr obtained his education in the public schools, and his first work was done and money earned on a railroad. He was practically thrown upon his own resources at a very early period and as railroad construction in his neighborhood was in progress at that time, he started at that and became so reliable a workman that he easily secured employment with other railroad companies. In 1890 he learned the art of telegraphing, and since then, this has been his main occupation, and he has filled a more or less confidential position with the great Baltimore & Ohio system. He has been a very active and public-spirited citizen of West Alexander, taking an interest in the development of the place and the furthering of its best enterprises. In politics a Republican, by that party he was elected Burgess of West Alexander in February, 1907, and approval was shown of his administration by his re-election in February, 1909.

On Aug. 31, 1898, Mr. Carr was married to Miss Ruth A. Carter, who was born at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, and is a daughter of Elihu Carter, formerly a prominent agriculturist of Jefferson County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Carr have two children: Carter and Marion. He is a

member of Smithfield Lodge No. 182, F. & A. M., at Smithfield, Ohio.

MURRAY A. COOPER, a prominent citizen of Washington County, Pa., and a valued resident of Washington, living in his attractive home situated at No. 167 South Wade avenue, is a worthy representative of one of the leading and substantial families of this section. He was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1849, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Day) Cooper.

The Cooper family came from New Jersey to Washington County, in 1777, making a settlement on what is known as the Shrouts farm in Amwell Township. The great-great-grandfather, Moses Cooper, was born in New Jersey, Aug. 8, 1727, and started with his family for Washington County, Pa., in 1777, dying at Millsboro, while on the way, and there he was interred. He had previously seen some service in the Revolutionary War. His wife, Mary Coleman, was born in Long Island, and died Nov. 14, 1823, and her remains were interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Amity, in Washington County. Zebulon Cooper, the eldest son of Moses, brought the family to the neighborhood of Ten-Mile village, after his father died on the way. He was born in New Jersey, in 1752, and died in Washington County, Dec. 22, 1835, his being one of the first burials in Bethel Cemetery. He was married on Apr. 24, 1775, to Mary White, a native of Long Island. He was a tanner by trade and this was useful knowledge after coming into the wilderness of Washington County, where few settlements had yet been made. He acquired land in Ten-Mile Valley and built one of the first saw-mills there, and was the founder of the Upper Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church and for years one of its ruling elders.

Stephen Cooper, son of Zebulon and grandfather of Murray A. Cooper, was born Jan. 26, 1792, and died in 1880. He was an extensive farmer, owning great tracts of valuable land, and raised much stock which were driven to eastern markets for sale.

William Cooper, father of Murray A., was born in Washington County, in 1821, and spent his entire life in this section. He was a prominent citizen and a man of sterling character. He was frequently elected to public office and his standing among his fellow citizens was such that he was constantly consulted concerning all public matters. His father had owned 1,000 acres of land, all in one body and his inheritance was large. He married Eleanor Day, and two sons were born to them, Murray A. and Howard G., the latter of whom is deceased. William Cooper died in 1900.

Murray A. Cooper was reared in South Franklin Township and completed his education at Mt. Union College. He spent a season teaching school and later

completed a medical course, although he never engaged in practice. Mr. Cooper is versatile and he then turned his attention to journalistic work, and in 1871 he established the Washington Observer, which he conducted for three years and then sold. He then went to Westmoreland County and there bought the Mt. Pleasant Journal, which he successfully conducted for several years and then sold out and accepted a position on the Steubenville Herald, where he remained for five years. Mr. Cooper proved himself a ready writer and for several years he was a valued special correspondent, covering Eastern Ohio, for the Cincinnati Gazette and the Cleveland Herald. He then returned to Washington and shortly afterward (1891) organized the Dorset Horn Sheep Breeders' Association of America, of which he has been secretary and treasurer ever since. He is an extensive breeder of these sheep and has shipped to almost every State in the Union. He is the owner of the Oakwood Stock and Fruit Farm, of 180 acres, situated in South Franklin Township. For the past 14 years, Mr. Cooper has been in the oil and gas business and assisted in establishing the Franklin and Washington Gas Company, of which company he has been vice president for the past two years. He has been an active citizen wherever he has resided and for the past six years has been a member of the Washington school board, and has been treasurer of the Washington County School Directors' Association for the past six years.

In 1899, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Sophie Conn, a daughter of Henry Conn, and they have two children: William Murray and Eleanor Day. Mr. Cooper is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

HARRY M. YATES, who is the efficient superintendent of the West Alexander Cemetery at West Alexander, and also is president of the West Alexander Agricultural Association, commands the respect and enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was born in Ohio County, W. Va., July 11, 1867, and is a son of Thomas G. and Elizabeth (Purcell) Yates.

The father of Mr. Yates was born in Washington County, Pa., and was a son of William Yates, with whom he moved to Ohio County, W. Va., when he was ten years old and there was reared and educated. Later he returned to his native section and in 1876 he was appointed superintendent of the West Alexander Cemetery and continued to serve the association in this office until his death, in 1892. He was held in very high regard by all who knew him. For many years he was a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander and was a ruling elder. In his views on public questions he was a Prohibitionist. He married Elizabeth Purcell, who was born in Ohio County, W. Va.

Harry M. Yates was two years old when his parents



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brought him to Donegal Township, and he has resided at most all his life in or near West Alexander. He is one of the leading citizens of the place, having served as a member of the borough council, on occasion, is a member of the school board, and a director in the West Alexander National Bank. For seventeen consecutive years he has served as superintendent of the West Alexander Cemetery, having been his father's assistant for two years before succeeding to the office, and the beautiful grounds testify to the loving and respectful care he gives them. He is serving in his second year as president of the agricultural body, and it finds in him a man of judgment and forethought. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Yates was married to Miss Jennie Blayney, who was born at West Alexander, a daughter of William Blayney, who once was a leading merchant here. They have one son, William L., who was born July 16, 1900. Mr. Yates and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, of which he is a trustee. He is identified with the Masons at Claysville, and the Odd Fellows at West Alexander.

JOHN W. VAN KIRK, farmer and stock raiser in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., residing at No. 93 East Prospect avenue, Washington, was born in Franklin Township, Washington County, Apr. 3, 1847, and is a son of George Van Kirk.

The father of Mr. Van Kirk was a carpenter by trade, but he devoted the larger part of his life to agricultural pursuits. He married Athalia Closser and they reared four children: Andrew, residing at Washington; Enoch, residing at Sunset, Washington County; John W., and Sidney, who is the widow of William Van Kirk, residing in South Franklin Township.

John W. Van Kirk was reared in Franklin Township and later moved to Amwell Township, where he has been extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, both he and wife having taken much pride in the production of dairy products, selecting their cows for dairy purposes with the utmost care.

Mr. Van Kirk was married May 11, 1882, to Miss Nan L. Courson, who is a daughter of Benjamin Courson, a representative of one of the prominent old families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk have one son, George Milton. At present he resides at home and is identified with the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in the Class of 1908 and entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, with the intention of preparing himself for a medical career. Trouble with his eyes, however, has caused him to postpone his studies for a season. Mrs. Van Kirk and son are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE M. LYON, a general merchant and highly respected citizen of Linden Village, Pa., was born Jan. 8, 1853, on a farm in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Thomas H. and Lydia (Cheesman) Lyon.

George M. Lyon grew to manhood on the farm and was educated in the common schools and at Jefferson Academy, Chambersburg, Pa. He worked at the carpenter trade in Burlington, Iowa, with his brother, William, for five years, and in 1876 returned to Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming in Nottingham Township, Washington County, and for two years was also engaged in the hay business, but in 1890 he gave up farming and purchased the general store of W. D. Washabaugh, in which he has been engaged continuously since that time. He served as postmaster at Beck's Mills, now Linden Village, from 1890 until the rural route was established in 1902. He is identified with the Democratic party in politics, and has been actively interested in the affairs of that party in the township and county. In 1907 he was appointed tax collector to fill a vacancy and in the spring of 1909 was elected to a full term. He has also served his township as auditor and as a member of the election board.

Mr. Lyon was (first) married Jan. 8, 1878, to Loretta M. Crouch, a daughter of Andrew Crouch, of Nottingham Township. She died Apr. 27, 1885, leaving the following children: Perry A., who resides in Chicago, Ill.; Harry W., a resident of Palmyra, Mo.; and William F., who died aged 2 years. Mr. Lyon was married (second) Nov. 24, 1887, to Eliza J. Young, who is a daughter of John M. Young, of Somerset Township, and they have five sons: Thomas Harvey, John Boyd, Charles Herbert, George Roy and Albert Clark. Mr. Lyon and family are members of the Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church.

S. M. CHARLTON, one of the oldest merchants at Washington, Pa., in point of continuous service, was born at Washington, in 1847, and is a son of Samuel Charlton, who was born in Germany and came to Washington about 1822, where he resided during the remainder of a long life.

S. M. Charlton was reared at Washington and with interest he has witnessed much of its wonderful development. After the completion of his school attendance, he learned cigar-making and worked at that trade for about 14 years. In 1876 he embarked in business for himself, his first location being on Main street, where he continued until 1888, when he built his present substantial building at No. 384 East Maiden street, where he has been established ever since.

On Oct. 4, 1870, Mr. Charlton was married to Miss Eliza J. Hays, who was also born at Washington, and is a daughter of William Hays, who was a native of

Ireland. Mr. Hays was 7 years old when his people brought him to Washington, they being among the early settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Charlton were born six children: Those living are Alfred W., residing at Philadelphia; Nancy, wife of E. A. Burford, residing at Santiago, Cal.; and Marian E. and Sabina C., both residing at home; Sarah Hledge and William H. died in early childhood. Mr. Charlton and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church, he belonging to its official board.

HOWELL P. WILLIAMS, postmaster at McDonald, Pa., has been a resident of this borough since childhood and ever since has been identified with its interests. He was born at Irondale, Jefferson County, Ohio, June 5, 1870, the fourth child of William D. and Cecelia (Jones) Williams.

The parents of Mr. Williams were born in Wales. The father was a coal miner and was employed first at Irondale and later at McDonald, where he died in 1904, in his 76th year, and was buried at Arlington Cemetery. His widow survives and still resides at McDonald. They had the following children: Margaret Jane, who married John T. Davies; David L., who is serving as clerk of the county court of Washington County; Thomas J., who is now deceased; Howell P. and William D. The father of Mr. Williams was a well-known citizen and was a charter member of Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M., at McDonald. He was a Republican in his political views.

Howell P. Williams was educated in the public schools and Ingleside Academy, at McDonald, and after his school days were over he became a clerk in the post-office for his brother, David L., who had been appointed postmaster at McDonald in 1889. He continued as clerk there for six years and then embarked in the shoe business at McDonald, which he conducted for seven years, when he sold out and entered the employ of the Pittsburgh Coal Company. One year later, on May 24, 1904, he was appointed postmaster and took charge of the office on July 1, 1904, with the details of which his long previous period of clerkship had made him perfectly familiar. His administration has met with the approval of his fellow citizens in general and he was reappointed in May, 1909.

Mr. Williams was married Mar. 26, 1902, to Miss Ida A. McFann, a daughter of Levi R. and Mary (Morris) McFann. The father of Mrs. Williams is a merchant and oil producer in Butler County. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Williams is the third born in a family of eight children: Margaret M., now deceased, who married William Armour; George W.; Ida A.; Harry H.; Carrie V., who married Fred Milbron; Stella M.; L. Ralph and H. Beryl. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have

three children: Mary Cecelia, born Feb. 7, 1903; Howell Probert, born May 17, 1905; and Levi McFann, born Sept. 8, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M.; No. 275, Heptasophs; and No. 39, K. O. T. M., all at McDonald. He has long been an active Republican and is in close touch with the party leaders in the State.

I. L. JONES, who, for many years has been one of Washington's most active business men, formerly being an extensive dealer in real estate, is the manager of the Washington Ice Company and is interested financially in other enterprises. He was born on a farm near Valley Inn, a son of Isaac W. Jones, who was then a farmer and wool buyer, and he was 10 years old when he accompanied his father to Washington, Pa.

Mr. Jones received a common school education and during his early years assisted his father. In 1885 he went into the Prothonotary's office, as deputy, under John W. Scaman, with whom he served for two years and remained one year with his successor. Mr. Jones then became associated with John A. Howden, in the real estate business and at the same time was elected secretary of the Board of Trade. During the time that he was in this connection the firm platted a number of tracts of land, doing an extensive and lucrative business. He then purchased the interest of George W. Manifold in the Washington Ice Company and assumed its management. He is identified also with the Fair Ground Land Company, which he organized. Mr. Jones has been the means of bringing a number of manufacturing plants to this city and through his efforts a large amount of capital has been invested here which might have been directed to other sections without his public-spirited efforts.

Mr. Jones was married Sept. 23, 1891, to Miss Anna M. Rittig, a daughter of S. W. Rittig, a veteran of the Civil War. They have three children: Wilbur Lawrence, Helen Louise and Russell McVaine. Mr. Jones and family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington. He is a member of the order of Elks and has been identified with the Masonic fraternity since he was 21 years old, being now a member of the Chapter and of the Council.

J. M. K. DONALDSON, who fills the office of notary public at Hickory, is a highly respected retired farmer of Mt. Pleasant Township, where he still owns a valuable farm of 140 acres. He was born in the southern part of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 6, 1844, and is a son of Andrew and Ellen (Wilson) Donaldson.

Andrew Donaldson was born in 1802 and died in 1882.





GEORGE C. LESLIE



He was a carpenter and also a farmer. In politics he was a Democrat and by party and people was held in such high esteem in Mt. Pleasant Township that he was many times elected to public office. He married Ellen Wilson, a daughter of William Wilson, and both were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. They were interred in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

J. M. K. Donaldson went to school at what was called Sugar Hill in his boyhood, but the name was later changed, in honor of his father, to Fort Donaldson, and later went to Buffalo Academy, in Hopewell Township. After he returned home he assisted his father on the farm and continued to carry on farming until 1904, when he moved to Hickory. He has served in every township office except justice of the peace and probably is the first notary public ever appointed in Mt. Pleasant Township. He is identified with the Democratic party.

On Oct. 21, 1869, Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Margaret McDowell, a daughter of John McDowell. They have two children and four grandchildren: Alfred J., who married Nettie McConnell, and they have a son and daughter—William Jacob and Margaret Elizabeth; and Margaret M., who married R. E. Conner. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson attend the Mt. Prospect Church. He is a stockholder in the Guardian Trust Company of Pittsburgh.

GEORGE C. LESLIE, who, as field superintendent for the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, of Washington, Pa., occupies a very important office, has been identified with oil and gas production for many years. He was born in Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, April-7, 1841, where also he was reared and educated.

Mr. Leslie followed agricultural pursuits until he was 23 years of age, at which time he gave up farming and became interested in the oil industry, locating in Petroleum Centre at that time. Thence he went to the Butler fields and from there to the Bradford fields. Each move proved a satisfactory one, in a business sense, and later he became associated with Senator Emory in the manufacture of salt, in the Wyoming Valley, near Rochester, N. Y. That industry was successfully carried on for some years and he then came to the Washington County oil fields, which had just been opened up, and ever since has been closely identified with oil and gas production in this section. For 23 years he was associated with the Wheeling Natural Gas Company, owned by Senator Flinn. He is a stockholder in the Oakland Oil Company and in other prospering enterprises.

In 1865 Mr. Leslie was married to Miss Annie M. Morrill, who was born in Maine, and they have two children, a son and daughter. Frederick C. Leslie is

engaged in the oil business and is secretary and treasurer for the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, at Bellevue, Pa. Harriet M. Leslie resides at home. Mr. Leslie is one of Washington's most active business men.

F. B. MURRAY, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Washington, Pa., and an honored and highly esteemed citizen, was born July, 1847, in Allegheny County, Pa., where he spent his boyhood days. When 14 years of age he came with his parents to Washington County, where his father bought and operated the flour and saw-mills at Wylandville. He was educated at Hoge Summit, Carnegie, Pa., under the supervision of Dixon and Dunbar, then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some time with Boyd & Son, of Pittsburg. He subsequently returned to Washington, where he engaged for a time in general contracting, then conducted a music house and also bought grain extensively, and during 1878 and 1879 read medicine with Dr. George Cheeseman, of Liberty, Allegheny County. In 1880 he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated with the Class of 1883, and then embarked in the practice of his profession at Amity, Pa., where he continued until 1904, when he came to Washington, where he has gained the confidence of the public and the friendship of a large circle. He is one of the leading surgeons of Washington, and has an extensive practice throughout the entire county. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Washington County Medical Society. He is a member of the medical staff of the City Hospital of Washington, of which he was one of the incorporators, and is a member of the staff of the Academy of Medicine at Washington.

In 1870, Dr. Murray was joined in marriage with Harriet M. Summy, of Washington County, and of their union were born the following children: Howard R., is a graduate of the Waynesburg College and the College of Pharmacy, of Pittsburg; Emma Ruth, a graduate of the Washington Seminary, married H. M. Horn, formerly a druggist of Washington, who is now traveling through the West; Bertha A., married Rev. Merchant Bush, a Presbyterian minister of Ford City, Pa.; Hazel D., is the wife of Prof. William H. Phillips, a graduate of the Grove City College, and superintendent of the Taylorstown High School and the Blaine Township schools; and Lula B., who married Wilson H. Hays, chief clerk of the Pressed Steel Car Company of Pittsburg. Dr. Murray's daughters are all graduates of the Washington Seminary.

Dr. Murray is identified with the Republican party and has always taken an active interest in local poli-

ties. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A., the Modern Maccabees and the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

PROF. J. A. A. CRAIG, secretary and treasurer of the Washington County Sabbath School Association, a cultured, scholarly gentleman, a minister of the Presbyterian Church and an educator of many years experience, is one of Canonsburg's most respected and valued citizens. He was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., Feb. 12, 1862, and is a son of Hon. Alexander K. Craig, formerly one of Washington County's men of political prominence, and Sarah F. McClain Craig, a sister of J. R. McClain, who is so well known in this county.

The father of Prof. Craig died in 1893 while serving as a Member of Congress. His family consisted of seven children, J. A. A. being next to the youngest. His only surviving brother is Hon. John E. Craig, who served as mayor of the city of Keokuk, Iowa, and has also served several terms in the Iowa Legislature.

Prof. Craig attended the Sawhill district school in East Finley Township and later entered Monongahela College in Greene County and subsequently attended Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg and Washington and Jefferson Academy. In 1883 he became a student at Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, and was graduated in 1887. Prior to this he had taught two terms in the public schools of Morris Township. Following his graduation he accepted the chair of mathematics and literature, in the Keokuk, Iowa, High School, and taught there for five years and then resigned the position and entered the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny, where he was graduated in 1895 and was licensed to preach, by the Washington Presbytery, on Apr. 11, 1895. He aided as supply and tutor until 1900, when he was elected assistant principal of Jefferson Academy. In 1902 he was elected principal and served for seven years. During that time the school increased in attendance, averaging between 40 and 50 students, and a great many young men and women passed from this academy into colleges and universities.

Mr. Craig has accepted a position as chaplain and teacher in the Morganza Reform School.

On Dec. 20, 1906, Prof. Craig was married to Miss Jennie Johnston, of Canonsburg, and they have one daughter, Sara Margaret.

J. H. SHANNON, M. D., who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Washington since April, 1905, is a member of that younger class of medical practitioners who only enter the arena after being equipped with the thorough, scientific, well bal-

anced training which takes the place of years of experience.

Dr. Shannon was born at Cambridge, Mass., in 1876. He completed the common school course and then entered Harvard College, where, in 1897, he secured his degree of A. B. He continued his studies there and in 1901 was graduated an M. D. from the medical department of that great institution. For four years following he practiced in different hospitals in the city of Boston and then came to Washington and established himself permanently in this beautiful city. In addition to his general practice, Dr. Shannon is physician and surgeon for the Washington Hospital and he has also been appointed as physician and surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. His medical connections are with the organizations of his native State. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to that great patriotic Catholic society, the Knights of Columbus. He has interests in Pennsylvania in connection with valuable coal lands.

JOHN S. WRIGHT, a well-known resident of Buffalo Township, serving as secretary of the township school board, is also one of the substantial farmers and stock raisers of this section and devotes his farm of 150 acres to these industries. He was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 10, 1865, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (McNeal) Wright.

The Wright and McNeal families are of Scotch and Irish extraction, but have been on American soil for generations. The pioneer of the Wright family in Washington County was the grandfather, Samuel Wright, who settled in Buffalo Township. There his son, Robert Wright, was born, and after a long and useful life died and was laid to rest in the South Buffalo Cemetery. He was a very successful farmer and stock raiser and was numbered with the excellent business men of his neighborhood. He supported schools and churches and for years was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church of South Buffalo. The only public office he ever accepted was that of school director. He married Margaret McNeal, who survives, making her home with her son-in-law, Isaac O. Grimes, of East Finley Township. Robert Wright was twice married and three of his children are living, namely: Robert N., of West Finley Township; Mary Isabel, wife of Isaac O. Grimes; and John S.

John S. Wright was reared to manhood on the farm on which he lives and has been engaged in its cultivation ever since his school days ended. Like his late father he has been unusually successful in his agricultural operations. He has taken much interest in these movements which should attract the attention

of all good citizens, the making of good roads and the advancing of the interests of the public schools. He is now serving in his fifth term as a member of the township school board and during the larger portion of the time he has been serving in his present position. He is also chairman of the Republican Township Committee and is the judge of elections in Buffalo Township.

Mr. Wright married Miss Louise B. Crawford, of Guernsey County, Ohio, and they have two daughters: Marguerite Ann and Martha C. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville.

FRANK M. CHAMBERS, proprietor of the Dewey Avenue Dairy, which is one of the best equipped, most sanitary and most prosperous concerns of its kind, at Washington, has been a resident of this city since 1903. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., near Hart's Mills, Aug. 23, 1859, and is a son of George and Catherine (Webb) Chambers.

The late George Chambers was born also in Washington County and was a son of James Chambers, who was born in Ireland. The latter came to this section among the earliest settlers and it is remembered of him, among other excellent qualities, that he was a skilled house carpenter. His son, George Chambers, was that a carpenter by trade, but his principal business was that of butchering. He married Catherine Webb, a daughter of Daniel Webb, and they had two children: Emma, who married Robert M. Carrons, residing on Lemoyne avenue, Washington; and Frank M.

Frank M. Chambers has spent his whole life in this section of Washington County, attending school in Amwell Township and then engaging in farming and stock raising for many years. In 1902 he embarked in the dairy business and carries it on according to modern methods and with all the latest improved dairy machinery. He has a very large trade and as it is constantly increasing it is evidently a satisfied public that he caters to.

On June 14, 1897, Mr. Chambers was married to Miss Ada Braden, who was born at Washington and is a daughter of William H. and Mary Ann (Boyd) Braden. The father of Mrs. Chambers was born at Scenery Hill, in 1834, and now resides at Washington, where for many years he was engaged in the dry goods trade. He married Mary Ann Boyd, who was a native of Amwell Township, Washington County. She is survived by eight of her ten children, namely: Robert; Charles Edward; Joanna, wife of Thomas Pickett; Laura Belle, wife of Alfred Phillips; B. C., William, Mary L., wife of Elmer Alexander, and Mrs. Chambers, all of Washington, Pa. The grandfather of Mrs. Chambers, Zedek Braden, was one of the pioneer settlers in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have four children: Agnes

Margaretta, Francis Denny, Richard Mounts Fitzwilliams and Catherine Mary. The family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

EDWARD THOMAS BEEDLE, one of Canonsburg's most respected citizens, who has earned the prosperity he now enjoys entirely through his own efforts, has been a resident of this city since 1883 and conducts a large bakery establishment here. He was born at McKeesport, Pa., after his parents, Stephen and Mary (Williams) Beedle had come from Wales and settled there in 1850.

The father of Mr. Beedle had been a miner and as he was an experienced one was made superintendent at McKeesport, where, in 1866, he met his accidental death, from a mine explosion, when he was 42 years of age. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1907, aged 87 years. They had the following children: Stephen, a carpenter, resides at Carnegie; Mary Jane, wife of Robert K. Brown, lives at McKeesport; Edward J.; Margaret, wife of Dr. Williams, lives in Western Maryland; Evan, who died at the age of 24 years; George, who died young; and an infant daughter that did not survive birth.

After the death of his father, Edward T. Beedle was practically thrown on his own resources and when 15 years of age left the shelter of home to go out in the world and to earn his own living as best he could. The coal mines offered the first solution and for 13 years the youth was a coal miner on the Monongahela River and in Chartiers Valley. In December, 1883, he came to Canonsburg and started into a new enterprise, that of peddling fish, and also opened a lunch room and subsequently a produce store. His honest methods and excellent goods together with his business energy brought him custom and confidence and his undertakings prospered. In 1890 he opened a bakery and had built up a fine line of patronage when his store was destroyed by fire and all his hard won earnings were swept away. At this time he was holding the borough office of weighmaster. He had accumulated about \$4,000 through hard work, which included catering at various fairs, also for entertainments held at Washington, Burgettstown and other points. Gradually Mr. Beedle re-established himself, beginning again with a lunch counter and as his means increased he enlarged his business, making his bakery and ice cream department his main features. At last came the time to erect a new building. An old barn stood on the site selected and this he has so changed, enlarged and improved that it sufficed for a first-class bakery building. His new structure was erected in 1904. His buildings now have the following dimensions: One 123x45 and the other 45x90 feet, two stories in height, and he owns the lot on which they

stand. In 1908 he added a grocery store to his other interests. In his building he has a fine hall which he rents out for dancing parties and other social meetings. He has always been an indefatigable worker himself and expects the same of his employes, but without an exception they regard him with esteem and affection on account of his kind and just treatment of them.

In 1877, Mr. Beedle was married to Miss Elizabeth Sponheimer, who was born at Albany, N. Y., a daughter of John and Anna Sponheimer, who were natives of Germany. The mother still survives, but is afflicted with blindness. The father died while serving in the Federal Army as a soldier in the Civil War. To Mr. and Mrs. Beedle the following children have been born: Anna Mary, who married Samuel Swan, who is chief of police at Canonsburg, has four children; Edward T., who is in partnership with his father; Elizabeth, who is the wife of R. L. Culberson, of Cleveland, has two children; Margaret, who is the wife of Walter Wagner, has one child; Grace, Lillian, Helen and Fred, all reside at home; and George and Frank are both deceased. Mr. Beedle is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Knights of Maccabees.

When Mr. Beedle was a homeless boy he worked on the water for several years, first on a canal boat and later on the Monongahela and Hudson Rivers and made one voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, and on one trip he proved his courage by leaping into the water and rescuing a child that had fallen overboard. He had many experiences and some of these he can never forget. They soften his heart whenever a pitiful tale is told him and doubtless he is frequently imposed on by those who know of this admirable trait of character, for it is said that he never turns a hungry person away unsatisfied.

W. K. LONG, one of Washington's most esteemed citizens, living retired from active business life, with which he was identified for many years, is also one of the honored veterans of the Civil War and a member of Templeton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Washington. He was born at Washington, Pa., in November, 1835, and is a son of William and Catherine (Kreider) Long.

William Long was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and came to Washington in 1800, being one of the pioneer wagon-makers of the village. During the boyhood of his son, W. K., he moved out of the town to a place on the National turnpike road, where he continued work at his trade, the location being excellent for custom. He married Catherine Kreider, of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family, and they had eight children, the three survivors being W. K. and his two sisters: Eliza, who is the wife of John O. Vankirk, living in Franklin Town-

ship; and Ellen Jane, who is the wife of J. J. McWilliams and lives in Oil City.

W. K. Long remained in Buffalo Township and worked with different farmers until he enlisted for service in the Civil War. He entered Anderson's Troop, in the 15th Pa. Cav., as a private, and continued in the service until he was honorably discharged in June, 1865. He was promoted from private to corporal and later to the rank of sergeant, and his record shows that he fought bravely and endured cheerfully in each position. His regiment was a part of the Army of the Cumberland, that noble body of brave men which won so many gallant victories.

1866, Mr. Long removed from the farm to Washington and has been a resident of the city ever since. He occupies a beautiful home which he erected at No. 220 West Beau street. For eleven years after coming to Washington, Mr. Long conducted a grocery business and then turned his attention to the shoe trade in which he was engaged for 28 years. In 1905 he retired from business life.

In November, 1872, Mr. Long was married to Miss Elizabeth Warrick, and they have two children: William, residing at home; and Mary Lulu, wife of James H. Pollock, of North Strabane Township. Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington.

HARRISON HENRY LEYDA, formerly proprietor of the well-known Commercial Hotel, at Monongahela City, Pa., and the owner of farm land and city realty, now lives retired, occupying his handsome brick residence, which is situated on the corner of Chess and Fourth streets. He was born on his father's farm in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., in April, 1841, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Myers) Leyda.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Leyda was born in Germany and came from there to America and was one of the early settlers of Washington County, where he reared a family of six children, Henry Leyda, father of Harrison H. Leyda, being one of the younger members. The old farm in Somerset Township continued to be the homestead, and to it the late Henry Leyda added more land and at the time of his death, in 1865, he owned three farms, two of them being devoted to stock raising. He married Catherine Myers, who was a member of another old Washington County family and she also lived into advanced age. They had ten children: Harriet, who was the wife of H. Wilson, both deceased; Amanda, who was the wife of William Burton, both deceased; Sarah, who was the wife of David Heetman, both deceased; Emma, who married A. Hootman; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Thomas Collins; Hannah,

who is the widow of R. Harris; Henry Harrison; and John, William and James, all three now deceased.

Henry Harrison Leyda spent his boyhood on the home farm and obtained his education in the district schools. He continued to live at home until after his marriage and very early became interested in the stock business and was associated at first with his father in heavy dealing and later carried on the business by himself. After he married he engaged in farming until 1867, when he moved to Monongahela City and started into the butchering business and at different times prior to his retirement from business in 1906, he conducted his own meat market. He also owned and operated a livery stable and for six years conducted the Commercial Hotel and, although he operated it as a temperance house, he prospered as he kept so fine a table that the public gave him hearty patronage. Mr. Leyda was succeeded in business by his eldest son, Frank Leyda. Mr. Leyda has done considerable building in the city, erecting his shop on Chess street and also his fine 16-room residence and has improved other property.

On Dec. 10, 1863, Mr. Leyda was married to Miss Esther A. Swickard, a daughter of Daniel and Harriet (Leyda) Swickard, the former of whom still survives at the age of 93 years. To Mr. and Mrs. Leyda were born the following children: Frank, who married Sallie Blye, has one child, Esther; Albert, who married Elizabeth Rhinehardt, has two children—Harry and Carrie; Harry, who is deceased; Edgar; Ada, who is the wife of Perry Spencer; Anna Mary, who is the wife of David Rose and they have one child, Helen; and Frances, who married Leon Vanhook, and they have one child, Rachel. Mr. Leyda and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

ENOS L. CHRISTMAN, one of Washington's highly respected retired citizens, the record of whose long and eventful life is filled with interest in retrospection, was the pioneer of the Christman family in Washington County. He is a native of Pennsylvania and was born in Vincent Township, Chester County, Dec. 27, 1828, a son of George and Sarah (Beerbower) Christman.

The father of Mr. Christman died in 1843, when his son was but 15 years of age, leaving his widow with two younger sons, William and Jefferson. Her circumstances were such as to make it advisable for the children to assist, as far as possible, in providing for family needs and in this emergency the eldest son displayed a courage and spirit of enterprise that was most commendable. The summer of 1844 he worked for his uncle as a clerk in his store, in Brecknock Township, Lancaster County, and also assisted on the farm. In the fall of that year he returned to his mother and attended school until Feb. 10, 1845, when he was appren-

ticed to the printer's trade, for five years, to Hon. Henry S. Evans, who then conducted the Village Record, at West Chester, Pa. He served faithfully for four years of the time and so secured the confidence and esteem of Mr. Evans, that, in 1849, when his companions were hastening to take advantage of the golden prospects offered in California, this kind master not only forgave him one year of his apprenticed time, but advanced him the sum of \$400, in order that he might try his fortune on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Christman took passage on the Europe on July 3, 1849. It was commanded by Captain Addison Plummer, but, like the majority of the ships that had been hastily withdrawn from service in many waters, to accommodate the great tide of gold-seekers who wished to journey around Cape Horn, it was not perfectly seaworthy and for 22 days rolled in the waves, leaked through its timbers, almost went down when overtaken by storms, but finally, after having some repairs made at Valparaiso, reached San Francisco Bay after 222 days. With the army of miners already in the field, Mr. Christman made his way with pick and shovel to the upper waters of the Mariposa River. He worked harder than he ever had done before, but met with such poor returns that in July, 1850, he entered a printing office at Stockton, Cal., and there got out the first edition of the Sonora Herald. This was on July 4, 1850, and he carried the paper on horseback to Sonora, where it was gladly paid for at 50 cents a copy.

The idea of a newspaper was gladly received by the people of Sonora and an office was soon established in a tent there which Mr. Christman occupied alone at first and then admitted Dr. Lewis C. Gunn, formerly of Philadelphia, to partnership, and together they issued a paper at regular intervals. Mr. Christman remained in California until the fall of 1852, doing his part in the wonderful developing which that far western State experienced. In November of the above year, he came to Washington and bought a half interest in the Commonwealth, a well established journal, and also entered into partnership with George C. Stouch, which association continued until the death of the latter in December, 1855. Mr. Stouch was succeeded by Hon. William S. Moore, and in 1858 the Commonwealth was consolidated with the Reporter, then, as now, the oldest paper in Washington County. After this consolidation, without disposing of his interest in the paper, Mr. Christman went to West Chester and became foreman of the Record there and remained until the outbreak of the Rebellion which resulted in Civil War. In the latter part of May, 1861, Mr. Christman tendered his services to the Government and became a second lieutenant of Co. K, 4th Pa. Res. Vol. Corps, later being promoted, commissioned captain and major. He continued with

this regiment in the field until May, 1863, when he was appointed provost marshal of the 7th District of Pennsylvania, by President Lincoln, the district embracing Chester and Delaware Counties. His headquarters were at West Chester and the duties of the office were faithfully performed up to the close of the war, his honorable discharge coming on Nov. 30, 1865.

Maj. Christman's whole period of service in the field was one of danger and activity. He participated in the battles in front of Richmond, including the seven days' fight, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. Not infrequently did soldiers of that time find friends and acquaintances exposed to the same dangers as themselves, but it was an unusual occurrence for three brothers, all in different regiments, to be almost side by side in the great struggle, as happened to the Christman brothers at Antietam. Enos L., under Gen. Meade's command, was in front of the famous cornfield, to the left of the turnpike; William Davis, a lieutenant in the 124th Pa. Vol. Inf., was near the Dunkard Church, on the right, while Jefferson, a private in the 72nd Pa. Vol. Inf., was stationed on the left of the Reserves.

In 1852 Mr. Christman was married to Miss Ellen A. Martin. She was born in Philadelphia, but was reared in the home of her uncle, the late Capt. William Apple, of West Chester. To this marriage were born eight children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of Charles M. Hayes, of Washington; William, a resident of Washington; Elizabeth; Ella, who became the wife of Charles Wigley, of Rochester, Pa.; and Harry, Edwin, Charles F. and George, all of Washington. His son, George, served in the Spanish-American War. Mr. Christman was married (second) to Mrs. Catherine Stoffer, who died without issue. His third marriage was to Miss Emma Winebrenner, a daughter of Rev. John Winebrenner, who was the founder of the Church of God, at Harrisburg, Pa.

After the close of his military service, Mr. Christman removed with his family, to Somerset County, Md., where he engaged in the lumber business and in farming for some years, after which he returned to West Chester and became associated with Edward B. Moore, in the publication of the American Republican and continued until 1872. At this time, his partner in the Washington Reporter, Hon. William S. Moore, was elected to Congress and Mr. Christman then returned to Washington and took charge of the publication of the Reporter. In August, 1876, the first number of the Daily Reporter was issued and shortly after this Mr. Moore died. His interest in the paper passed then into the hands of Alexander M. Gow and in 1883 it was purchased by Mr. Christman, who, thereby, became the sole proprietor of the paper and plant, at a cost of

about \$7,000. Through his efforts this paper was built up into one of the most influential journals in the State. When Mr. Christman subsequently sold out to the Observer Publishing Company, the value of the property had so increased that he received for it the sum of \$55,000. In March, 1891, the Christman Publishing Company was chartered and since that time, Mr. Christman had taken no part in the practical part of the business up to its sale, its affairs having been well managed in the interim by his son, William Christman. Mr. Christman's beautiful home is situated at No. 21 West Prospect avenue, Washington.

PRESSLY LEECH, a retired farmer of Smith Township, where he owns 195 acres of very fine land, and is also a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank of Burgettstown, is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of this part of Washington County. He was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 20, 1832, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Wishart) Leech.

James Leech, was also born in Smith Township and was a son of James Leech, who came from Ireland and settled on the land in Smith Township which has never since left the possession of the family. The second James Leech served in the War of 1812. He died in 1852 and was buried at Burgettstown. In politics he was a Whig. He was a member of the Associate Reform Union Church body. He married Elizabeth Wishart, who died in 1867, and they had a family of seven sons and four daughters.

Pressly Leech attended the Smith Township schools in his boyhood and later had two terms in Washington College, after which he taught school in the neighborhood of his home, but later devoted all his attention to farming and stock raising. After his marriage he lived for ten years on his grandfather's farm, but in 1867 came to the one he has lived on ever since. He bought this property from Mr. Rankin and has put up all the buildings now standing and has made a great many improvements as the years have passed. He has about 15 acres yet in timber, the rest of the land being under cultivation or in pasturage. He raises Shorthorn cattle only and each year has about 250 head of sheep. While actively engaged in agricultural pursuits he was considered an excellent manager and was unusually successful in all his undertakings.

On Jan. 8, 1857, Mr. Leech was married to Miss Susan Rebecca Marshall, a daughter of Stewart Marshall, and they have had eight children: Elizabeth, who lives at home; Susan L., who married William McIlvaine, has four children—Elmer, Lawrence, Margaret and Martha; James P., who married Dora Mercer; J. Chester, who married Emma Jones, has two children—



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Glenn and Bella; Linnie L., who married Robert Stevenson, has one child, Pressly Leech; J. Gibson and Ernest A., both of whom are at home; and Robert Vernon, who died when 2½ years old. Mr. Leech and family are members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. He casts his vote with the Republican party, but has never considered himself a politician.

JOHN C. NEILL, a representative business man of Canonsburg, is proprietor of a large grocery establishment here, and he is a member of one of the oldest families of the place, the oldest taxpayers and people who were identified with the growth and development of the borough since its organization, having been established in this section of Washington County for 119 years. He was born in Cross Creek Township, Apr. 29, 1870, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Berry) Neill.

The father of Mr. Neill was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., and still survives, at the age of 76 years. The mother was born in Nottingham Township, Washington County, and died in April, 1909, at the age of 74 years. For many years the father was a farmer and stock raiser in North Strabane Township, moving from there to Cross Creek Township and ten years later to Humeston, Iowa. The paternal grandfather, Reynolds C. Neill, was born in Canonsburg and inherited the old homestead farm in North Strabane Township from his father and lived and died there. His birthplace was on the corner of Center avenue and College street. His father, also Reynolds C. Neill, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to Washington County in 1790, and about that time started a store in what is now Canonsburg, and conducted business continuously until 1830, when he retired and he died in April, 1842. He married a Miss Bowland. The second Reynolds C. Neill married Flora McCormick, of Ohio, and they had the following children: Thomas, Samuel, Sarah and Nancy, neither of whom married; and James M.

On the maternal side, Mr. Neill is able to trace an ancestry almost as far back. The great-great-grandfather was Abraham Leyda and his daughter, Mary Leyda, married John Berry. She was born and reared near Pigeon Creek Church in Washington County. To Samuel Neill and wife five children were born, namely: Anna, who married W. P. McCormick, of Knox County, Ind.; Flora, who died in Oklahoma, in 1902, was the wife of Ira Porter; John Christy, of Canonsburg; Elizabeth, who married Charles A. Fritzie of the Washington Record, resides at Washington; and William M., who is an employe of the American Bridge Company, resides at Ambridge, Beaver County, and married Clara Pigott, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

John C. Neill spent the earlier years of his life at Humeston, Iowa, attended the schools of Wayne County, the High School, and the Humeston Normal College. Leaving Humeston in 1891 he came back to the old seat of the family on a visit and while at Canonsburg was offered a situation with the Canonsburg Iron and Steel Company, which he accepted and held until 1901, and during the next two years was connected with the Parkersburg Iron and Steel Company. In 1903 he returned to Canonsburg and on Oct. 1, 1903, opened a grocery store in the building adjoining the one he now occupies, having erected the latter in 1904 in order to accommodate his developing business, which has grown to very large proportions. In his political opinions, Mr. Neill is a Republican and is a leading factor in his party in this section, serving as a member of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee, has also been president of the borough Council and is serving as one of its most useful members at present.

In 1897, Mr. Neill was married to Miss Anna D. Fife, who was a daughter of Calvin Fife, now of Canonsburg, but formerly of Allegheny County, where Mrs. Neill was born and reared. She was a lady of many Christian virtues and possessed endearing traits. Her death occurred Aug. 12, 1908, and she is survived by three daughters: Elizabeth, Virginia and Catherine, and one son, McCormick. In his fraternal relations, Mr. Neill is identified with the following organizations at Canonsburg: Lodge No. 893, Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 846, Elks; and Lodge No. 544, Royal Arcanum.

JOHN F. SHRONTZ, Jr., a member of the firm of Shrontz Brothers, proprietors of the East End Dairy, situated at the end of East Maiden street, Washington, Pa., was born at Claysville, Washington County, Pa., in 1877, and is a son of John F. Shrontz, one of Washington's highly respected and substantial citizens.

John F. Shrontz, who bears the honored name of both his father and grandfather, was 4 years old when his parents settled at Washington, and here he was reared and educated, graduating from Washington and Jefferson College, in the Class of 1901. He immediately became associated with his father in the dairy business and continued until the latter retired, when, in April, 1906, with his brother, C. A. Shrontz, he became proprietor. Both young men are practical dairymen and they have well equipped quarters. The dairy industry is one that now occupies a large degree of public attention and the management of a large plant like the East End Dairy demands much scientific knowledge and entails a large amount of responsibility. The Shrontz Brothers keep 27 cows for dairy purposes and their milk delivery covers the whole city.

On Apr. 22, 1902, Mr. Shrontz was married to Miss Nellie Major, who was born near Decatur Ill.

Mr. Shrontz is recognized as one of the city's most enterprising young business men. He takes an active interest in public matters and is serving in his second term as a member of the city Council, representing the Fifth Ward. He still retains membership in his college society, the Phi Kappa Psi.

CAPT. DAVID LONGWELL, who, for over 60 years has been a resident of Monongahela City, is probably one of the best known men on the Monongahela, Ohio and even the great Mississippi that have been identified with river life during a half century and more. Whether as engineer or commander of vessels, his name was connected with the greatest efficiency both in peace and war, in commercial transportation or in the Government service. Capt. Longwell was born in Ireland July 8, 1826, and his parents were John and Sarah (Johnston) Longwell.

John Longwell and wife were both born in Ireland and lived on a little farm there until their son David was 11 years old and with four more children they felt anxious for the future of their offspring. They decided to leave the old country and cross the mighty water to America, where they hoped to find life's necessities easier to secure. In 1837 they reached Washington County, Pa., and settled on Mingo Creek, in Union County. There the wife died in 1891, having survived her husband since 1867. Their children were: David, George, Isabella, Anna and Mary, the two survivors being David and Anna.

Capt. Longwell remembers very distinctly the long voyage of seven weeks that preceded the landing of the family on the shores of the United States. He remained on the farm on Mingo Creek for about three years, but in 1841 began his river life. He started in as an apprentice to learn boat engineering and worked on the Lebanon for two years, then spent three years on the Mexabaha, three years more on the Uncle Ben and then was employed by the Pittsburg & St. Louis Packet Company, on the Mt. Vernon, which carried soldiers for the Mexican War, from Cincinnati to New Orleans. He was the engineer on the Magra that brought the soldiers back from the war and landed them safely at Cincinnati. From 1849 until 1854, he was on the tow-boat Tempest and then served three years on a larger tow-boat, the Alexander Wilson, and from there went to the Jefferson, until 1857, from which year until 1861, he worked a cotton boat, carrying this commodity up and down the river as trade demanded. The outbreak of the Civil War disturbed river traffic on the Mississippi and he then came north and returned to Monongahela City and bought an interest in the tow-boat Tempest

No. 2, which he operated for one year on the Monongahela River and then sold.

Capt. Longwell then built the Coal Bluff, a tidy little vessel, which he sold at a good price, six months later. He then became chief engineer on the Key West No. 4, which was drafted into the Government service on its first trip and Capt. Longwell remained with it, on the Kanawha River, until the fall of 1863. In 1864 he returned to Monongahela and built the tow-boat The Hawk, which he operated for 17 years on the Monongahela, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. After he sold that vessel he became engineer on some of the largest vessels on the Mississippi, for 13 years serving on the Joseph B. Williams. He was on the B. D. Wood for six months and made one trip on the transport, the J. B. Finley. He then entered the United States Civil Service and operated Government steamers for six years, resigning only in 1906. Capt. Longwell was known as a fine engineer and as a careful and capable seaman and able commander. He was captain of Tempest No. 2, of the Coal Bluff and the Hawk and was almost constantly on the water from 1841 until 1906.

On Nov. 15, 1860, Capt. Longwell was married to Miss Rachel J. Estep, of Finleyville, Washington County, and they have two sons: Harry Edgar and James E., the latter of whom is a marine engineer. The older son is a mechanical engineer and he is with the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company at Pittsburg. He married Catherine Cavanaugh, and they have three children: Catherine, Ruth and Henry. Captain Longwell purchased his residence on Main street, in 1856, and he also owns a small farm. In many ways, Capt. Longwell's life history is very interesting. His early chances were few to improve himself in any direction, but he showed the worth of his character by keeping to the steady purpose of educating himself, and often, while his companions and associates on the boats would be out in the various towns, seeking recreation, he would be spending his time with his books.

JOHN F. SHRONTZ, one of the substantial and representative citizens of Washington, Pa., residing in a fine residence situated at No. 990 East Maiden street, for many years was identified with the dairy interests of this section. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 2, 1823, and is a son of John F. Shrontz, who came to America from Wittenberg, Germany, in 1800.

The first John F. Shrontz had followed the tailor trade in Germany and found opportunity for the same after coming to Washington County. He married Elizabeth Shidler, who was a native of Washington County, of German ancestry, and to them seven children were

born, the only survivor being this one son who bears his father's name.

John F. Shrontz, the second, was reared on the farm his father had acquired and in boyhood went to school until he was old enough to be of service in the pressing work of the farm. He remained at home until he was married and then embarked in a general mercantile business in Allegheny County which he continued for four years there and then returned to Washington County and for a number of years engaged in merchandising at different points. Finally he established what is now known as the East End Dairy, at Washington, and there dealt in farm and dairy products until he retired from active business life. The business he had founded had grown to large proportions and he has the satisfaction of knowing that each year, under the capable management of his sons, its volume is increasing.

In 1860, Mr. Shrontz was married to Miss Nancy Blackmore, who died in 1873. There were five children born to this union, namely: W. F., a minister, who is stationed in Michigan; Sarah Ann, who lives at home; Charles B., who is a commercial traveler; and Elizabeth and Emma J., both of whom are successful teachers in the Washington schools. Mr. Shrontz was married (second) in May, 1875, to Nancy Griffith, and two sons were born to this marriage: John F. and Clark A., both representative business men. For a half-century, Mr. Shrontz has been a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the official board of the First Christian Church at Washington.

WILLIAM J. MUNCE, a prominent farmer of North Strabane Township, residing on a valuable farm of 165 acres, who makes a specialty of breeding fine cattle and horses, was born in 1869 on his present farm, and is a son of Dr. Robert and Mary (Rickards) Munce.

Dr. Robert Munce was of Irish ancestry, and was born in South Strabane Township, where his father located at an early period. After his marriage to Mary Rickard in Washington County, he removed to Ohio, where he practiced medicine for ten years, when failing health compelled him to give up his practice, and he returned to the farm in Washington County, where he resided until his death at the age of 73 years. His widow is still living in Washington, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Munce were the parents of nine children: Thomas, deceased; Robert; George; Anna, who is the wife of Humphry Ludwick; Phoebe, who is the wife of Rev. J. L. Thome; Margaret, who married Park Weaver; William J.; Elizabeth; and Emma, who married Rev. Charles Irwin.

William J. Munce was educated in the common schools and has been engaged in farming on the homestead farm all his life. The Munce farm lies in both North and South Strabane Townships, and at one time the resi-

dence was located in the latter township, but in 1872 the present home was erected a short distance over the line in North Strabane Township. In connection with his farming interests, Mr. Munce makes a specialty of breeding Ayershire cattle and English shire horses, and is a member of the Ayershire Cattle Breeders' Association.

In 1898, Mr. Munce married Minnie Fife, a daughter of John Fife, of this township, and they have the following children: Aneita, Ivan, John Fife, Raymond and Jennie. Mr. Munce is identified with the Republican party. The family are members of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT M. CARRONS, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Washington County, Pa., has been a resident of Washington since 1900, his fine residence which he erected in 1901-02 being located at No. 134 LeMoyne avenue. He was born Nov. 2, 1854, in Henry County, Iowa, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Munce) Carrons.

Leslie Carrons, grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, a son of Daniel Carrons, who lived in County Down, Ireland, and was a farmer by occupation. Daniel Carrons died during the latter part of the 17th century. Leslie Carrons was reared and obtained a good education in his native country, where he was married in 1797 to Mary Chambers, a daughter of James and Mary Chambers. In 1803 he emigrated to America with his wife and three children, Daniel, James and Mary, and settled first at Chambers Mills, Washington County, Pa., afterwards removing to Amity, Amwell Township, where they resided for several years. About 1813, Mr. Carrons purchased the Achison farm of 164 acres to which he later added the Stoekey farm of 90 acres, and there spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. After coming to this country there were three more children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrons: Eliza, Sarah and Robert. Mr. Carrons was a self-made man and one whose advice was often sought by his neighbors when in trouble. He was a man of public spirit and enterprise and very successful in business. In his native country he belonged to the Orangemen and in this country he was identified with the Democratic party. He was a charter member of the Episcopal Church at Washington and gave liberally toward building it up. His death occurred in 1851, and his wife died in 1876, in her 98th year.

Robert Carrons, father of our subject, was born Oct. 12, 1812, in Amity, Washington County, and here was reared and educated in the common schools. In 1847, he moved to Henry County, Iowa, where he engaged in farming upon a half section of land, to which he added from time to time until at the time of his death he was

the owner of nearly 1,300 acres. He was a man of conservative business methods and met with success. His death took place in Iowa, Dec. 7, 1883. On Oct. 4, 1849, he was united in marriage with Jane Munce, a daughter of Robert and Mary Munce of South Strabane Township, Washington County, and to them were born three children: Leslie, born Jan. 4, 1851; Mary, born May 30, 1853; and Robert M., the subject of this sketch.

Robert M. Carrons was reared in Henry County, Iowa, where he attended the common schools and spent one year in an academy, and when 22 years of age came to Washington County, Pa., where he spent a winter and then returned to Henry County, Iowa, where he remained until 1877, when he came to Washington County again and embarked in business for himself, having purchased his Uncle Daniel's interest in the homestead farm, and later bought out the heirs of his Uncle James. He has always been a successful farmer and stock raiser, making a specialty of breeding black top Merino sheep and Ayrshire cattle, sparing no expense in securing the best stock. His first lot was purchased in 1880 from Dr. Sturderant, of Massachusetts. At one time he had a herd of 100 head of Ayrshires, which was said to be at that time the largest herd of this famous breed in the West and the second largest in America. In 1900, Mr. Carrons moved to Washington, where he erected his present commodious residence which is one of the finest in the city. Mr. Carrons owns a fine large farm in Henry County, Iowa, and continues to look after his farming interests in this county.

On Oct. 4, 1877, Mr. Carrons was joined in marriage with Mary Emma Chambers, a daughter of George and Catherine Chambers, and of their union were born three children: Frank Leslie, who at the age of 15 years was kicked and instantly killed by a horse; Catherine J., and Emma. Catherine J. is a student at Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and Emma is a student at Washington Seminary.

DONALD DARROCH, who occupies a very responsible position as superintendent of the Acme Mine No. 1, located at Bentleyville, Pa., has been a resident of this place since July, 1908, and is one of the most experienced and best informed men in his line of work in Western Pennsylvania. He was born in Scotland, Feb. 7, 1867, and is a son of Donald and Marion (McMillan) Darroch, who never came to America. His father was a railroad man.

Donald Darroch attended school in his native place and was 17 years old when he crossed the Atlantic Ocean to America, finding his first home in the United States at Pittsburg. Shortly afterward he began to work in the mines and has been identified with mining interests ever since. He has been a resident of Washington Coun-

ty since 1888, living at Finleyville, Monongahela and Bentleyville, with the exception of two years spent in the same business in Westmoreland County. In 1904 he was appointed mine foreman at the Shoenberger mine, at Baird Station, where he remained ten months and then went to Manor, Westmoreland County, as mine foreman for ten months, going from there to Claridge, in the same county, as mine superintendent, one year later locating at Monongahela City, where he was division superintendent of the Pittsburg and Westmoreland Coal Company, one year afterward coming to Bentleyville. While superintendent of Mine No. 1 he also acted as overseer for the other mines controlled by this company while making his headquarters at Monongahela City. Mr. Darroch is president of the Miners' Institute, an organization founded in 1907 and devoted to the interests of miners, meeting every month at Monongahela City. He had much to do with the organization of the Miners' Institute and was appointed the first vice president, with John McVicker the first president, but on May 1, 1909, Mr. Darroch was elected president. The name given the organization explains its character, it in reality being a school of mining, and its value to its members can scarcely be overestimated. A paper prepared and read by Mr. Darroch at its first meeting was considered extremely valuable, its subject being mine fires, how to prevent them. He is a practical miner himself and there is no subject connected with this vast industry on which he is not qualified to speak. He is identified with the Masonic bodies at Charleroi, Monongahela City and Pittsburg, and of the three branches of the Odd Fellows at Monongahela City and with the Elks at the same place.

He was married at Washington, Pa., on Nov. 28, 1909, by the Rev. L. R. Jones of the M. E. Church, to Miss Bazzania Bentley Jones of Bentleyville, Pa., where he intends to make his home.

J. W. ROBB, who has been identified with the Crafton Builders' Supply Company, of Crafton, Pa., for the past three years, is one of the leading business men and representative citizens of Washington. He was born May 18, 1849, in Robinson Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Ebenezer Robb, who was also born in Robinson Township, in 1810, and was one of the prominent citizens of the county. Ebenezer Robb died Aug. 4, 1884. He served some time as a justice of the peace and was for many years an elder in the United Presbyterian Church.

The Robb family is of Scotch-Irish descent and was established in Lancaster County, Pa. About 1725 one Henry Robb appeared as a witness to prove a will in Philadelphia, and the family had undoubtedly been established in this country some years before that time. Joseph Robb, great-grandfather of our subject, came to





L. R. CRUMRINE

Washington County in 1781, from Lancaster County, Pa., with his wife, Barbara, and resided there until his death in 1804. Some of the land on which he settled upon coming to this county is still in the possession of the Robb family. Joseph Robb, Jr., grandfather of our subject, was born in 1776, and died in 1847, aged 71 years.

J. W. Robb was reared on a farm in Robinson Township, receiving his education in the district schools and at Allegheny City, and was for some time engaged in working on the farm. He subsequently engaged in the lumber business at McDonald for 12 years, when he became a resident of Washington, still continuing to operate his lumber business at McDonald for about five years. In 1904 he disposed of his lumbering interests at McDonald, and in 1906 became interested in the Crafton Builders' Supply Company of Crafton, Pa., dealers in all kinds of lumber and building supplies. Mr. Robb has his residence at Washington, going to Crafton and back each day.

In 1877, Mr. Robb was married to Rachael Lindsey, a native of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, and they have reared the following children: Edmund E., of Washington; Mary; Laura; and Joseph. Mr. Robb is a member of the 2nd United Presbyterian Church of Washington.

L. R. CRUMRINE, who is serving in the responsible office of superintendent of the schools of Washington County, Pa., has been identified with educational work in this section ever since completing his own education. He was born in Washington County, in what is now the borough of Deemston, May 10, 1867, and is a son of William G. and Mary (Nail) Crumrine.

The Crumrine family is one of age, prominence and substance in Washington County and was established in the pioneer period by John Crumrine, the great-grandfather of L. R. Crumrine, who came from Germany. His son, Jacob Crumrine, was born in Washington County, where he reared a large family. William G. Crumrine, father of L. R., was born on the old homestead in 1833 and survived until 1907. He was a miller. He married Mary Nail, who died in 1886, and they had three children, namely: Dora C., who is the wife of Rev. E. H. Greenlee, who is pastor of the Cooper Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church at Johnstown, Pa.; Lucy E., who resides with her brother; and L. R.

L. R. Crumrine was educated in the public schools and at the State Normal School at California, Pa., and has made educational work his life career. For 24 years after leaving school he taught in different sections of the county, each year strengthening his reputation as a successful impartor of knowledge and as an excellent

disciplinarian. For six years prior to accepting his present position he was superintendent of the East Washington schools, and since coming into his office as county superintendent, has had the management of 648 schools, exclusive of those of Washington Borough and the schools of Charleroi. The progress made by the schools since he took charge is notable and his plans for still greater progress are maturing. He is a member of the State Educational Association.

In 1892, Mr. Crumrine was married to Miss Emma Porter, who died in 1906, leaving three children: Harry, Mary and Ross. Mr. Crumrine is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington.

JAMES B. DUNLAP, deceased, formerly the head of the business firm of J. B. Dunlap & Son, at Canonsburg, was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., Feb. 26, 1853, and is a son of John and Priscilla (Point-cr) Dunlap. John Dunlap died at Canonsburg in 1902, but his widow survives and has reached her seventy-eighth year.

The late James B. Dunlap was reared in Peters Township and resided there until he came to Canonsburg in 1901, where he died Apr. 3, 1907. He started the feed store which, since his death, is conducted by his sons under the name of Dunlap Brothers, and during the few years in which he was active in commercial life at Canonsburg, he impressed all with whom he came into contact, with his excellent qualifications and his high standards of business honesty.

James B. Dunlap married Miss Lucy Anderson, who was born in Buffalo village, Washington County, Pa., and six sons and one daughter were born to them, namely: James Howard, who died in 1900, at the age of twenty-one years, was a young man of great promise and a recent graduate of Duff's Business College; William Hamilton, who was born Mar. 25, 1881, also had collegiate advantages and in 1901 entered into the feed business with his father; Benjamin Anderson, who was born Sept. 9, 1883 is a painter by trade, married Estella Mooney and they have one son, Bertram; George D., who was born Aug. 8, 1885, is a graduate of Duff's Business College and is in partnership with his brother, William Hamilton, married Blanche Patch, of Houston, and they have one daughter, Margaret Belle; Ada Lou, who is the accomplished stenographer for the business house of J. W. Goven, was a member of the graduating class of the Canonsburg High School, in 1905, and also of Duff's Business College; Robert Dinsmore, who was born Feb. 28, 1890, is also a graduate of Duff's College; and John M., who was born June 23, 1892, is a member of the class of 1912, Canonsburg High School.

The firm of Dunlap Brothers is made up of William Hamilton and George D. Dunlap, and following the

death of the former head of the firm they changed the style to Dunlap Brothers. They have every reason to be satisfied with the business progress they have made and contemplate extending their activities to cover a wider territory. William Hamilton Dunlap, the senior member, married Miss Maud McKee, a daughter of the late John and Susan McKee, of near Hickory, and they have two children: Howard, born Aug. 26, 1906; and William McKee, born Apr. 2, 1908. Mr. Dunlap is a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES A. WILEY, a prominent member of the bar of Washington County, Pa., is a member of the firm of Irwin & Wiley, with offices in the Washington Trust building. He was born at Washington, in 1859, and is a son of John Wiley, who also was a native of this county, born in 1820 and died in 1874. The Wiley family became established here in the pioneer days, before the departure of the Indians from this region, and the great-grandmother of the subject of this record was taken captive by them, and in after years wrote a book concerning her experiences during captivity.

James A. Wiley attended the common and high school at Washington and after graduation matriculated at Washington and Jefferson College. He was graduated from that institution in 1882 and then studied law under the direction of Mr. A. M. Todd in the office of Dungan and Todd. He was admitted to the bar in 1886 and at once took up practice in association with his former preceptor until the death of Mr. Todd some years ago, when Mr. Wiley became a member of the firm of Irwin, Wiley & Morgan. After two years, Mr. Morgan withdrew from the firm which since has continued as Irwin & Wiley. It is a strong combination of legal talent and enjoys a prestige throughout the county. Mr. Wiley is a member of the Washington County Bar Association.

In 1892, James A. Wiley was married to Dr. Alla S. Fulton, who had been engaged in the practice of medicine at Allegheny City, and they became parents of four children, namely: John F., Monica, James Alexander and Paul Morgan. The family attends the First Presbyterian Church.

JAMES M. McMURRAY, a representative citizen of Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., president of the township school board, having served as such for the unusually long period of twenty years, has been a life-long resident of Washington County, and was born on this farm December 13, 1854. His parents were John and Margaret (Boyd) McMurray, the latter of whom died in Washington County in 1889.

The McMurray family is of Scotch-Irish extraction and was established in Donegal Township, Washington

County, at a very early time, by Samuel McMurray, the grandfather of James M. Of his children, John McMurray became his successor on the old farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1867. Of the latter's two sons, James M. alone survives, the sole male representative of the family in the county.

James M. McMurray obtained his education in the schools of Donegal Township and his life has been devoted to farming and stock raising. He is one of Donegal Township's large landowners, having 290 acres, a large part of which he devotes to his fine stock. He breeds Holstein cattle, registered, also horses of excellent grade and keeps 300 sheep on an average. Mr. McMurray's surroundings indicate what is true, that he is one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists of this section.

Mr. McMurray was married in 1878, to Miss Augusta Slater, a daughter of David Slater, who formerly lived in Ohio County, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have two children: Elizabeth A., who is the wife of George Liggett; and James W., who resides in Donegal Township. In politics, Mr. McMurray is a Republican. In addition to serving so long and usefully on the school board, he has served as judge of elections in Donegal Township. As an honorable business man he is known all over Washington County.

JOHN F. CARMICHAEL, president of the Washington school board and a resident of this city for the past twenty-two years, was born at Wellsburg, W. Va., September 27, 1865, and is a son of James W. M. Carmichael, who resides in West Virginia.

The Carmichael family was established in Washington County by James M. Carmichael, the great-grandfather of John F., who came from Maryland when scarcely beyond boyhood, and was a pioneer school teacher. He married and reared a family, one son, George Carmichael, becoming the grandfather of John F. His son, James W. M. Carmichael, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., but was interested during his active years in coal operating in West Virginia.

John F. Carmichael remained in his native place until he was twenty-one years of age, acquiring his education in the public schools. He then came to Washington, having already learned the glass-making trade, and ever since then has been associated with the Hazel Atlas Glass Company in some capacity. He has always been an active and interested citizen, accepting public responsibilities as a duty and giving time and effort to the perfect performance of the same. He was first appointed a member of the school board to fill out the unexpired term of John F. Berthel, and in the following fall was elected without opposition to a three-year term and when the board was organized, he was elected president.



He served usefully for three years in the city council and for ten years as a member of the board of health.

On June 14, 1887, Mr. Carmichael was married to Miss Laura Virginia Wheatley, of Wellsburg, W. Va., and they have had the following children: Estella Wheatley, a graduate of the Washington high school, a successful teacher of music, and organist of the Third Presbyterian Church; Paul Denney; Meldrum Keesey; and Russell Ely, the latter of whom died when aged two years. Mr. Carmichael and family are members of the Third Presbyterian Church, he being a charter member, one of the elders and for the past ten years superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally, Mr. Carmichael is identified with Hancock Lodge, No. 231, Knights of Pythias, and National Lodge, No. 81, Odd Fellows.

LEGRAND RUNION, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Canonsburg for the past twenty-one years, and occupies a foremost place in his profession in Washington County, was born at Salinesville, Ohio, September 16, 1850, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Crosser) Runion, and a grandson of Charles and Martha (Scott) Runion, on the paternal side, and of Adam and Dorothy (Schock) Crosser, on the maternal, all old and well-known names.

Richard Runion, father of Dr. Runion, was born in Lancaster County, Pa. The father's trade was that of saddler and harnessmaker. He enjoyed unusual good health into old age, but a sudden stroke of apoplexy closed his career, when aged eighty-six years. The mother of Dr. Runion was born at Carrollton, Ohio, and died in 1902, from pneumonia. Their family consisted of one son and four daughters, all surviving, the latter being: Mary Etta, who is the wife of George A. Carnes lives at East Liverpool, Ohio; Viola, who lives at Carrollton, Ohio; Florence, who resides at East Liverpool, and Martha who lives in the old home at Carrollton.

Legrand Runion obtained his early education in the public schools of Carrollton, where his parents resided, and then prepared for medical college with one of the local physicians, in 1884 entering the Homeopathic Medical College at Philadelphia, where he remained a student for one year, and then entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, where, two years later, he was graduated in the class of 1888. He immediately located at Canonsburg and has been engaged in medical practice here ever since. In the meanwhile, Dr. Runion also worked for two years as a typesetter on the Canonsburg "Herald." He is a member of the Washington County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Society, keeping thoroughly abreast of the times in his profession. In politics he is nominally a Republican, but his

sympathies are so in the prohibition line that he affiliates somewhat with the temperance forces.

Dr. Runion was married in 1874 to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Dunlop, of Canonsburg, a daughter of Hance and Nancy (Thomas) Dunlop, both of whom died at Canonsburg. They have two children: Nance Thomas, who is a trained nurse; and Richard S., who is a student in the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Runion and family are members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg.

WILLIAM CHRISTMAN, a prominent real estate and insurance man of Washington, Pa., has been identified with important business interests here throughout his mature life to the present time. He was born in Washington, Pa., in a one-story building still standing on North Franklin street, January 12, 1858, a son of Enos L. and Ellen A. (Martin) Christman. His father served as an officer in the Federal army in the Civil War.

When the subject of this sketch was but three months old his parents removed to West Chester, Chester County, Pa., where they resided until April, 1866, going then to a farm near Princess Anne, Md. The journey was made by stage as far as Wilmington, Del., from which place the family continued on their way by train, thus reaching their destination. Here they remained for nearly four years, or until February, 1870. The land was poor and the crops generally a failure. There were now several children in the family, William being the eldest son. He was but eight years of age when they reached the Maryland farm, but it was soon his lot to assist in supporting the family. Many an hour was spent in riding a horse, while his father followed the plow, working corn—a much more tedious job than the uninitiated would generally imagine. He also assisted in other farm work, driving the oxen to the woods for cord wood, much of which he was required to chop for fuel. His life was not entirely without adventure. Once, as he remembers, his father had yoked a pair of small, red oxen to a timber cart and swung a log under it, to be taken to the mill, five miles distant, to be sawed into boards. William was given this task. With his dinner pail placed on top of the log, he started alone. When about half way to the mill the oxen rushed up a lane, the gate of which had been left open, and the driver was thrown off the cart, together with his dinner pail, the latter being ground to pieces under one of the big wheels, and the boy having a narrow escape from a similar fate. Nothing daunted, however, he was soon ahead of his team and back with them into the road accomplishing his task without further adventure.

During his stay in Maryland he attended country school as circumstances permitted. The school term was short,

and this, with the long distance to the schoolhouse, and the frequent rainy weather, prevented him from getting more than a very moderate amount of schooling there. When the family returned to West Chester, which they did in the spring of 1870, he attended the public schools there and continued to do so until they returned to Washington, Pa., in April, 1873. Before leaving West Chester he was a newsboy for three years, carrying a route of papers for the West Chester "Republican," of which his father was then the associate editor. He attended the Washington public schools for a few weeks, but on May 12, 1873, he quit school to learn the printer's trade, in the "Reporter" office, his father about the same time taking a one-third interest in the paper which he had left fifteen years previously. The next thirty years of Mr. Christman's life were spent in the "Reporter" office almost exclusively. After the chartering of the Christman Publishing Co., in 1891, he was the manager and devoted his whole time to making the paper a success with the result that the circulation was largely increased, and it became a prosperous journal, having the full confidence and patronage of the home merchants. The increase in its value is evidenced by the fact that, while the value of the "Reporter's" establishment in 1883 (when Mr. Christman's father purchased a remaining two-thirds interest for \$5,000) was \$7,500, at the end of Mr. Christman's connection with it, in 1898, when it was sold to the Observer Publishing Co., it brought the handsome sum of \$55,000, which was regarded as a conservative figure by all newspaper men in this section.

Since that time Mr. Christman has devoted his time and attention to the real estate and insurance business, having offices in the Washington Trust building. He takes an active part and interest in all progressive measures for the improvement of the city, and it was largely through his efforts that two of the local building and loan associations were organized here, through which many a poor man has been able to pay for a home. Some years ago he was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Sons of Veterans Camp, which for a time was one of the prominent local societies. He was also for a number of years the efficient secretary of the Washington Board of Trade and is still a director in that organization.

Mr. Christman was first married to Miss Fannie M. Morgan, a daughter of the late Jacob Morgan, of Washington. She died, leaving three children—Howard L., Frank, and Herbert, the two elder sons being residents of Washington and the younger of Morgantown, W. Va. Mr. Christman married for his second wife Miss Elizabeth J. Morrow, daughter of the late Robert L. Morrow, also of this city. They have three children—Florence, Robert and Ronald, the two latter being twin sons. Mr.

Christman's father is still living at No. 21 West Prospect avenue. His mother died about ten years ago.

JOHN W. McLAIN, whose valuable farm of 200 acres lies in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., has been a resident of this township only since 1907, but has already been accepted by his fellow farmers and neighbors as a valuable citizen. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., October 21, 1849, and is a son of David and Martha (Loop) McLain.

David McLain was a life-long resident and a prominent one of Westmoreland County. He was an extensive farmer and cattle raiser and the owner of a large amount of property, and for forty years he also carried on the manufacturing of paper. In politics he was a pronounced Republican and he served in all the local offices. His death occurred in 1881. He married Martha Loop and they had the following children: Sarah Ann, who is now deceased, was the wife of Daniel Fulmer, of Westmoreland County; W. Annon, who was killed in 1862 while serving as a soldier in the Civil War; Francis M., who resides at Scottdale, Pa.; Melissa J., who married Jacob Zundie, resides in Westmoreland County; Joseph B., who is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, who married Samuel Wymer, lives in Westmoreland County; Henry A., who lives at West Newton; John W.; Martha E., who married John Baker, of Westmoreland County; and Hannah E. and Nancy Caldwell, both of whom are deceased.

John W. McLain attended the district schools of Westmoreland County until he was about eighteen years of age, since when he has been interested in farming as his main business. He purchased his present property in 1898, and moved to it in 1907 and has made many improvements here. He owns valuable tenant property at McKeesport and until within a few years, when he sold out, was financially interested in a coal company in Kentucky and at one time held options on 10,000 acres of coal land but allowed them to lapse.

On May 23, 1872, Mr. McLain was married to Miss Belle Elliott, a daughter of Alexander Elliott, of Allegheny County, Pa., and they have had the following children: Avery Laurence, who resides in Fayette County; David W., who resides with his father, both of these sons being married; Nannie B., who married H. H. Zellars, lives in Cross Creek Township; Lillie D., who lives at home; and Mary F., who married Edward Farmer, resides in Cross Creek Township. The mother of the above children died March 4, 1898. In 1901, Mr. McLain was married (second) to Miss Beatrice Bicknell, a daughter of S. A. and Libbie (Nelson) Bicknell, of Knox County, Ind. Mr. McLain and family are members of the Olive Branch Baptist Church in Westmoreland County. He has never voted any other than the





WILLIAM CROSBIE

Republican ticket, and while living in Lostraves Township, Westmoreland County, served many times in township offices and was a representative citizen there.

M. F. WHITEHILL, one of Washington's substantial and representative citizens, who, for the past twenty years has occupied his present comfortable residence at No. 419 East Maiden street, was born in Clarion County, Pa., in 1854, remained there through his school period and first entered into business there.

Mr. Whitehill was yet young when he began his operations in the oil fields. From the Clarion County fields he pushed forward into the McKean County oil sections and later worked in the oil regions of Allegheny County, N. Y. He was one of the first operators who took note of the richness of the Washington County fields and from then until the present has been identified with oil and gas developments here. He has also been interested in the Oklahoma fields and for three years past has also been operating in Illinois.

In 1881, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Ellen Hessler, who was born near Meadville, Pa., and they have five children: H. H., L. L., M. F., Nina and Ellen, the eldest son being engaged in the Illinois fields. Mr. Whitehill has always been an active and interested citizen since taking up his residence at Washington and unostentatiously has given support to many public enterprises of acknowledged value.

WILLIAM CROSBIE, to whom credit should be given by the whole people of the United States, as one of the very first men who called public attention to the great duty of preserving the forests of the country, has worked for many years with tongue and pen, to arouse the slumbering people who carelessly permit their great natural wealth to be taken from them. His appeal aroused public attention as far back as the administration of Gen. Grant, who was so impressed that he even sent a recommendation to Congress to create the office of Commissioner of Forestry, which found many advocates in the House, but was lost at that time, in the Senate. Mr. Crosbie is one of Washington's most valued citizens. He was born in July, 1832, in Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

At the age of 21 years, Mr. Crosbie came to America, his objective point being Washington County, Pa. After a few months spent at Canonsburg he came to Washington and had charge of the Washington Nursery for one year, after which he returned to Canonsburg, where he engaged for five years in a nursery and fruit growing business. He continued to be interested in agricultural work until Apr. 1, 1868, when he returned to this city in order to take charge of the Washington

Cemetery, a position he has held ever since. At that time the cemetery tract included less than 50 acres, where now there are 250 acres, a large part of which is still a primeval forest. According to Mr. Crosbie's arrangement, bits of forest relieve the burial spots, and this gives a dignity to Washington Cemetery that is not found elsewhere. He has made it a point, for many years, to keep adding a certain amount of ornamental vegetation, and in the spring of 1909 he made an addition of 300 distinct plants to the already large collection. In 1907 he put out a botanical arrangement which will ultimately add greatly to the interest and ornamentation of these carefully kept sacred grounds. To the native oak trees, Mr. Crosbie has added eight distinct varieties of the oak family and among these is a cedar of Lebanon, a cedar from the Himalaya Mountains, and a specimen from Japan. In 1907 he secured a fine collection from the Botanical Gardens at Washington, D. C. The cemetery directors have given Mr. Crosbie a free hand in his selection of plants and trees, and his knowledge, taste and judgment have qualified him for this position of confidence. In his youth he served an apprenticeship to a forester, in Scotland, one who had received a gold medal from Prince Albert.

In experimenting with trees in Washington County, Mr. Crosbie follows exclusively the old Scotch methods. He keeps the stems of tender young trees covered with leaves to protect them from the heat of the sun, and in this way the result is a solid, all-round log when the tree has matured. He has been the recipient of several communications from the Congress of the United States in reference to his methods, and he has proved that he can grow superior lumber to any that can be found in American forests. Recently he was honored by being elected a member of the National Association of Foresters.

At Gate House, on Fleet, in the South of Scotland, Mr. Crosbie was married to Miss Jane Hodder, and to them were born four sons and four daughters, namely: John and David, both residents of Washington; Alexander, a minister, residing in New York City; Frank, a minister in Ohio; Susie, wife of George Bailey, residing at Pittsburg; Maggie, wife of Wallace Ely, residing in Washington County; Lyda, wife of Rev. Thomas Boone, of Washington; and Mary, now deceased. Mr. Crosbie was a member of the old Center Church of Canonsburg, later the United Presbyterian. For many years he has been an elder in the First United Presbyterian Church at Washington. For a long period he was interested in the Waverly Clan, of Pittsburg. He is a charter member of the Washington Historical Society and belongs also to the Taxpayers' Union, of

Washington County. When he took charge of the cemetery it contained 800 graves. This "God's Acre" now contains about 8,000 quiet sleepers.

MILTON L. DAVIS, treasurer of the West Alexander Agricultural Society has been a resident of West Alexander, Pa., since the spring of 1909, coming from Ohio County, W. Va., where he had formerly been engaged in farming and stock raising. Mr. Davis was born in West Virginia, January 20, 1864, and is a son of Isaac and Celia (Gibson) Davis.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Davis was William Davis, who was a very early settler in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., and there Isaac Davis, his son, was born and reared, later moving to West Virginia, where he subsequently married Celia Gibson, and of their children four sons and one daughter survive, namely: William E. and James W., both of whom live in Ohio County, W. Va.; Albert M., residing near Warren, Ohio; and Sallie A., wife of John N. Chambers, and Milton L., both of West Alexander.

Milton L. Davis grew to manhood in Ohio County, in boyhood attending the public schools and later attended Waynesburg College one year. He also graduated from Frazier's Business College at Wheeling, W. Va. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and successfully carried on farming, dairying and stock raising for some years.

Mr. Davis married Mrs. Annie P. Chambers, widow of W. D. Chambers and daughter of James Alexander, late of West Alexander. Mrs. Chambers had one son, Roy A. Chambers, who resides at West Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the United Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, he being a member of the board of trustees.

ALBERT ZELT, member of the well-known firm, Zelt Brothers, manufacturers of flour, and dealers in all kinds of grain, hay and straw, etc., at Washington, Pa., was born in 1858, in Washington, and is a son of Jacob Zelt, a native of Germany, who came to Washington when a young man, and was identified with the grain and milling business the rest of his life.

Albert Zelt was reared and educated in Washington, and in 1887, in partnership with his brother, Adam Zelt, purchased the Wilson & Warriek mills, since which time he has been successfully engaged in business as mentioned above. Mr. Zelt is one of the progressive and enterprising business men of the city and also has interests in other prospering enterprises of this locality.

In 1885, Mr. Zelt was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Hood Fleming, a native of Allegheny County, Pa., and they have had the following children: John W., who is employed in a drug store in Philadelphia; Mary Mar-

tha, now wife of Minor H. McClain; Harry Earl; Albert Ralph; and Mildred Lenora. Mr. Zelt is affiliated with the Third Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of the board of elders.

ROBERT E. ORR, a leading citizen of Peters Township, Washington County, where he successfully carries on general farming and dairying on his valuable farm of seventy-nine acres, is serving in his second term as a member of the township school board, of which he is treasurer. Mr. Orr was born in Upper St. Clair Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of William and Harriet (Myers) Orr, the former of whom died in 1907, the latter still residing on the homestead. They had six children, the eldest of these, Robert E., being born in 1863.

Robert E. Orr was reared in his native township and obtained a common school education. Prior to 1902 his time was mainly spent as a farmer in St. Clair Township, but in that year he bought his present farm in Peters Township, on which he has since resided. This was the old McCabe farm, the old homestead farm of his wife's people.

The McCabe family is one of the best known in this section of Washington County. Its founder, William McCabe, was born in Ireland and came to Washington County and settled in Peters Township, in 1783. His son, Joseph E. McCabe, was born in 1790, and married Margaret Fife. He operated one of the first distilleries in the county and was also a colonel of militia during a period of residence in Allegheny County. He died February 5, 1870, his wife having died July 29, 1831.

John McCabe, son of Col. Joseph E. McCabe, was born in Allegheny County, August 16, 1816, married Sarah, daughter of Robert Thompson, and became the founder of the Peters Township branch of the McCabe family. He died in October, 1895, and his wife, September 14, 1879. Their children were: Robert T., Joseph, Catherine and John. Joseph McCabe married Emeline Espy, daughter of James Espy, of Allegheny County, and he resided in Peters Township until 1902, when he removed to Castle Shannon, Allegheny County. His wife died July 26, 1904. Their children were: Sarah M., who married J. M. McMurray; Susanna, who married William Hultz; Frances, who married Frank Phillips; Laura B., who married Walter Wedemeyer; Mary B., who married Samuel Fife; Josephine, who married Howard Kerr; John S., who resides in Allegheny County; and Annie C., who is the wife of Robert E. Orr.

In November, 1888, Robert E. Orr, was married to Miss Annie C. McCabe, and they have three daughters and one son: Emma L., who is a popular teacher in Nottingham Township; and Mary B., William H. and Sarah J., all of whom live at home. Mr. Orr and family

are members of the Center Presbyterian Church of Peters Township, in which he has been an elder for five years. In his political views, Mr. Orr is a Republican. He is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Peters Township.

EDWARD CULBERTSON, who does a very satisfactory business as a florist and greenhouse gardener, at Washington, and is established at No. 403 Chestnut street, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., June 8, 1845, and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age.

Mr. Culbertson then left home and for a few years was engaged in a sawmill and lumber business in Somerset County, after which he moved to Washington, where, for a quarter of a century he was engaged in a transportation business. He then turned his attention to greenhouse gardening, which has proved both interesting and profitable. He has excellent facilities on East Chestnut street and has 4,000 feet in his greenhouses under glass. He produces some choice flowers, but gives the larger part of his time to the growing of plants and to the raising of early vegetables.

While living in Somerset County, Mr. Culbertson was married to Miss Cinda Newman, who died in 1899, five children surviving her, namely: Ella J., who is the wife of E. S. Hay, of Somerset County, Pa.; Mary J., who is the wife of Dr. Harry Gerow, of Newark, N. J.; Thomas A., who resides on Long Island, N. Y.; and Emma Jane and Todd B., both of whom reside at home. Mr. Culbertson formed a second union with Miss Carrie A. Weaver, who was a native of Pennsylvania, but had been a resident of Tacoma, Wash., some sixteen years prior to her marriage. Mr. Culbertson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Washington.

SIDNEY S. KELLY, who conducts an undertaking establishment at Donora, Pa., also deals extensively in grain, hay, feed, etc., and has been a resident of Donora since the organization of the town in 1901. He was born May 2, 1873, was left an orphan when very young, and was reared on the farm of Peter Whitmire in Oakland Township, Butler County, Pa., and during the last five years of his residence there took entire charge of the farm, which contained 240 acres. In 1899 he became a traveling salesman for Jackson and Mitchell, of Butler, Pa., selling farming implements and machinery for a short time, then took up dressing tools in the oil fields of Butler County and West Virginia, after which he entered the Pittsburgh School of Anatomy from which he subsequently graduated. Mr. Kelly then entered the employ of M. A. Berkimer, a well-known undertaker of Butler, Pa., and in 1901 came to Donora, where he established an undertaking establishment, later forming a

partnership with C. J. Comfort, who was the first furniture dealer to locate at Donora, and ran a furniture store in connection with the undertaking establishment. Mr. Kelly erected his present place of business on McKean avenue in 1904, and when he first established the grain and feed business on Meldon avenue, was in partnership with Albert Lytle, who was later succeeded by R. M. McMahon, whose interest in the business was purchased by our subject, July 29, 1907, since which time he has been sole owner of the grain and feed business.

On October 4, 1905, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Minnie L. Whitmire, who is a daughter of William Whitmire, deceased, of Butler County, Pa., and they have one son, William S. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are active members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Undertakers' Association, the I. O. O. F., Castner Lodge, No. 11, of Donora; the Encampment at Monongahela City; the Knights of Pythias, No. 226, of Donora, of which he is Chancellor Commander; the Improved Order of Heptasophs, Conclave No. 900, of Donora; the Knights and Ladies of Honor, No. 2418; and the German Beneficial Union of Donora.

CHRISTOPHER ZUG DALLY, SR., who fills the office of inspector for the Natural Fuel Company, a subsidiary of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, at Washington, Pa., and resides in a beautiful home at No. 170 Highland avenue, has been identified with the life of this city for ten years. He was born on the south side of Pittsburg, Pa., September 14, 1857, and is a son of Addison B., Sr., and Drasillia (Isler) Dally.

The late Addison B. Dally, Sr., was engaged for years in manufacturing in Pittsburg. He reared a family of twelve children, the survivors being the following: Charles A., of Carnot, who is contracting agent with the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company; Samuel C., who is in business at Beaver Falls, Pa.; Addison B., Jr., who is general manager and superintendent of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company at Pittsburg; Mary R., who is the widow of Archie Holliday, resides at Crafton, Pa., and Christopher Z.

Christopher Zug Dally was reared in his native city and was educated there and at Mt. Washington. His first experience in the working world was in the nail mills at Pittsburg, operated by Zug & Co., of which his father was superintendent and part owner. He remained in the nail mills from 1877 until 1880, in the latter year going to Wheeling, W. Va., and worked in the shops of the Riverside Nail and Iron Co., until 1887. Mr. Dally then returned to Pittsburg and for one year was connected with the Carnegie Sheet and Tin Mills, for two succeeding years was with the Wheeling Natural Gas Company before he moved there, where he resided for ten years and still maintains his connection with that

company, it having been absorbed by the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, it buying out all the tributary companies. Mr. Dally is general inspector for all the plants of the company in Washington and surrounding towns, his years of practical experience making him invaluable.

Mr. Dally was married (first) July 4, 1882, to Miss Nannie Linberger, of Wheeling, W. Va., who died two years later, leaving a son, Addison L., who is a capable business man, being in charge of the Ohio Valley Gas Company, at Midway, Pa. Mr. Dally was married (second) to Miss Sarah R. Magee, who was born at Wheeling, W. Va., a daughter of Richard and Rebecca (Elder) Magee. The Magees had seven children, only four of these surviving, namely: James T. and Andrew J., both of Wheeling; Richard G., of Parkersburg; and Mrs. Dally. To Mr. and Mrs. Dally have been born six children: Rebecca Isler, James Crosby, Christopher Zug, Jr., Harold Brown, Richard A. and Robert W. Mr. and Mrs. Dally are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dally is prominent in the order of Knights of Pythias, having been identified with this fraternal body for years and being a member of Lodge No. 114, the Uniform Rank and the Endowment Rank, and also to Zane Lodge, Shields of Honor, all of Wheeling.

GEORGE B. SPROWLS, wholesale and retail dealer in agricultural implements, together with paints, oils, hardware, vehicles and other goods, is one of the representative business men of Claysville, Pa., and a leading citizen in the public affairs of the borough. He was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., March 5, 1862, and is a son of Simeon and Mary (Montgomery) Sprowls.

The founder of the family to which Mr. Sprowls belongs, was John Sprowls, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to America and settled in what is now East Finley Township. He was succeeded on his estates by his son, James Sprowls, who led a purely agricultural life and in turn was succeeded by his son, Simeon Sprowls, who also spent his life in East Finley Township.

George B. Sprowls attended the schools of his native township and later a private normal school at West Finley, going from there to Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, where he was graduated in the class of 1884. Before entering into business he taught a term of school and then combined farming with dealing in vehicles and agricultural implements, and succeeding well in his merchandising, in the fall of 1890, came to Claysville and established his present store in February, 1891. He does an annual business of over \$100,000 and carries an immense stock, including in addition to the goods above mentioned other necessities for the farm and home. He handles the McCormick binders and mowers; fertiliz-

ers; Oliver chilled plows; grain drills; engines and threshers; gas fittings, stoves and ranges; cooking utensils; bicycles, paints, oils, varnishes, hardware, vehicles, machine repairs, buggies, carriages, and farm wagons; harness and saddles; whips, robes; wood and force pumps; lime and cement; woven wire fencing and sewing machines.

Mr. Sprowls was married to Miss Carrie A. Stillwagon, of West Finley Township, a daughter of A. J. Stillwagon, a well known citizen. They have six surviving children, namely: Harry V., Lena F., George B., Thomas Roy, Helen G. and Margaret. Mary M. is deceased.

Mr. Sprowls is not only one of Claysville's most progressive business men, but he has identified himself with all the interests of the place and his fellow citizens have learned to value his example and advice. He gave them an excellent administration through one term as Burgess, has served usefully on the school board and for fourteen years has been a notary public. He is well known over Washington County. In politics he is a Democrat.

EDWARD H. TAGUE, oil producer and driller, has been a resident of Washington, Pa., for a quarter of a century and has been identified with the oil industry during almost the entire period of his business life. He was born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pa., in 1864, son of John and Rose Ann (Devine) Tague, both born in Ireland and now live at Ford City, Pa.

When sixteen years of age, Mr. Tague went to Dubois, Pa., and for a short time was employed there by a coal mining company, after which he became interested in the oil industry, first in Clarion County, Pa., then at Maeksburg, Washington County, Ohio. From the latter place he came to Washington County, Pa., and drilled one of the first gas wells, which was located at Hickory. He continued in the oil and gas development of Washington County and later enlarged the scope of his work, taking in West Virginia, working in Hancock and Brooke counties, and Greene County, Pa., and Jefferson County, Ohio, in all of which he is a large operator. He is a stockholder in the Real Estate Trust Company of Washington.

Mr. Tague was married in 1898 to Miss Jane Dennison, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Gunn) Dennison, who live at Claysville, Pa. The family home is at No. 564 East Maiden street, Washington. Mr. Tague is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, being a member of the Uniform Rank in the latter organization.

PHILIP A. COOPER, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen of South Franklin Township, devotes his excellent farm of eighty-six acres to farming and gardening, being yet in the enjoyment of vigorous health, although he has passed his seventieth birthday. He was born in South Franklin Township,



Washington County, Pa., February 12, 1839, and is a son of Jonas and Sarah (Axtell) Cooper.

Both parents of Mr. Cooper were born in Washington County, his father, Jonas Cooper, on the present farm, where his exemplary life was spent and on which he died on his birthday, May 30, 1893, when aged seventy-nine years. His father, Ephraim Cooper, was born in New Jersey and was five years old when his father, Moses Cooper, who was the great-grandfather of Philip A. Cooper, started to pilot his family across the country to Washington County, Pa. However, he never reached the place in which he had hoped to secure a goodly portion of land which his family might enjoy, for sickness fell upon him and he died at Uniontown, Pa. The widow had no other prospect than reaching Washington County, and she continued on her way with her children and reached Amwell Township in 1777. One of her sons, Nathaniel, secured a patent from the government for almost 400 acres of land and the farm owned by Philip A. Cooper, is a part of that original tract.

Jonas Cooper married Sarah Axtell, and of their family of children the following survive: Philip A., of South Franklin Township; Emeline, who is the widow of the late Joseph Riggs, of Morris Township; David Alva, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Amity, Pa.; and Sarah J., who is the widow of the late Ira B. Baldwin, of Decatur County, Kan. For many years the late Jonas Cooper operated a tannery in connection with his farm industries. He cast his vote with the Republican party and was a man who kept well informed on all that went on in the world outside the home environment.

Philip A. Cooper attended the schools of South Franklin Township and his first independent business was tanning, which he followed both before and after his long term of service as a soldier. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. C, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., which became a part of the Army of the Potomac and of the 2nd Army Corps, and during a large portion of his term of service, his division was under the command of General Miles. He participated in the battle of Chancellorsville and for some time thereafter was detailed for hospital duty. After his return to his regiment he saw much steady fighting and was in the thickest of it at Todd's Tavern and at the siege of Petersburg, and took part in the struggles which led up to the surrender of Gen. Lee, at Appomattox, at which time he had a place on the firing line. Mr. Cooper was honorably discharged on May 31, 1865, and returned then to Washington County. Company C participated in some of the hardest fighting of the war and of its original 110 men, twenty-seven gave up their lives. As long as Luther Day Post, G. A. R., at Prosperity, was sustained, Mr. Cooper was identified with it.

Mr. Cooper married Miss Ellen Shusher, a daughter of the late Michael Shusher of Amwell Township, and they have had five children, namely: Addie M., who married Herbert Conklin, of Prosperity, and they have five children—Herbert E., Lucile L., Philip W., Adella B., and Daunice M.; Ashton C., who resides in Kansas; Nora, who is the wife of James Pipes, of South Franklin Township; Howard D., who lives on a part of the old homestead, and married Mary Bainer; and Lewis C., who lives at Colorado Springs, Col., on account of his health. Mr. Cooper's views on the subject of temperance are well known and in casting his vote for public officials, he demands that they work for the success of the Prohibition party.

MITCHELL DOUGLASS, one of Peters Township's substantial farmers and representative men, was born in Bethel Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Wright) Douglass.

The Douglass family of Peters Township, of which Mitchell Douglass is the oldest representative, is of Scotch origin. The pioneer of the family in Western Pennsylvania was one John Douglass, who settled at an early date in Allegheny County. His son, Thomas Douglass, was born in Bethel Township in that county and died there in 1893. At one time he was the owner of the farm in Peters Township, Washington County, that now belongs to his son, Mitchell. He married Mary Wright, a daughter of John Wright, the latter of whom died in Bethel Township, Allegheny County, in January, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. To Thomas and Mary Douglass six children were born, namely: Susannah, unmarried, lives on the home place; Jane, wife of Joseph Patterson; Maria L., wife of W. C. Davis; John, residing on the old homestead in Bethel Township; William, also residing in Bethel Township; and Mitchell, of Peters Township.

Mitchell Douglass was reared on the homestead in Bethel Township and there attended the public schools. His life has been devoted to farm pursuits and he has resided on his present property in Peters Township since 1869. In early manhood he married Miss Mary Ann Kerr, a daughter of James and Jane Kerr, old residents of Peters Township. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have one daughter, Jane, who married C. R. Simpson and they reside on the homestead. Mr. Douglass votes with the Republican party. With his family he belongs to the Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church.

ALEXANDER MURDOCH, JR., who has been identified with the drug trade ever since he went into business, is a well known and popular citizen of Washington, Pa., and was born on Main street, in this city and is a mem-

ber of an old and representative Scotch family of this section. His father is Alexander Murdoch, a well known resident.

Mr. Murdoch was educated in the Washington schools and at Washington and Jefferson College. Immediately after leaving the latter institution he became an employe of a drug firm and has continued such until the present, being now associated in this relation with his brother-in-law, S. M. Templeton, who conducts the large drug store at No. 33 North Main street, Washington. Mr. Murdoch has shown great adaptability in his chosen line of work and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Washington. His residence is at No. 269 North Main street, Washington, having lived on this street during his whole life.

CHARLES B. TROUTMAN, president of the council of Finleyville, Pa., and manager of the Finleyville Planing Mill Company, came to this borough in 1883 and has been prominent in public and business life here ever since. He was born at Creston, Wayne County, Ohio, November 9, 1866, and is a son of Adam and Amanda (Hildebrand) Troutman.

The late Adam Troutman, father of Charles B., was born in Somerset County, Pa., in 1828, and died on his farm near Carnegie, Pa., in 1901. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a shop at Mt. Savage, until the opening of the Civil War, when he raised a company and was first lieutenant of Co. G, 54th Pa. Vol. Inf., through a first enlistment, and on February 22, 1862, re-enlisted and served until his honorable discharge on March 2, 1865. He was a brave and capable soldier, and his military record is one of which his children have reason to be proud. After the war was over he went into the hotel business at Pittsburg and there are many who can recall when he was proprietor of the old Rush House, near the Union Station. Before he had settled at Pittsburg, he lived for a short time in Ohio, and after his active years had passed he retired to his farm near Carnegie. He married Amanda Hildebrand, who was also born in Pennsylvania and her death preceded his own. They had six children: John, who resides at Creston, Ohio; Emma, who is the wife of Harry Fickerson, of California; Charles Buchanan; Howard E., who is connected with the Eagre & Troutman Company, automobile dealers, Chicago; Sidney A., who is secretary of the Finleyville Planing Mill Company; and Stella, who died when aged sixteen years.

Charles B. Troutman was an infant when his parents settled at Pittsburg and he spent his school period there. When sixteen years of age he went to Ohio where he began his apprenticeship to the carpenter trade, which he completed at Pittsburg, and from there he came to

Finleyville, his first work here being done on the construction of the Pittsburg & Chicago Gas and Coal Company's house, at Gastonville. He then worked as a contractor for C. F. Thompson, who later sold his business to F. M. Finley, who later sold to Mr. Troutman and his partner, William Happer. For three years the firm of Happer & Troutman continued and then Mr. Troutman sold out to Mr. Happer and bought a one-third interest in his present firm, the style at that time being Jones Bros. & Co. The business was later purchased by C. Fritchman and S. A. Troutman, Mr. Charles B. Troutman during all this time being the practical manager of the business. Later it was organized as the Finleyville Planing Mill Company, with C. Fritchman as president; S. A. Troutman as secretary; and C. B. Troutman as manager. The company owns 1,100 acres of land in Mineral County, W. Va., which they purchased for a hunting reserve, and they own large timber tracts convenient to their saw mill at Patterson Creek, W. Va., in addition to their planing mill at Finleyville. They do a general contracting and builders' supply business, in all their enterprises having the able business ability and discretion of Mr. Troutman at their command.

On January 1, 1893, Mr. Troutman was married to Miss Anna Vandergrift, and they have three children: Mabel, Clarence and Grace. Their handsome residence is situated on Washington street, Finleyville.

Mr. Troutman has many large business interests. He is vice-president of the First National Bank of Finleyville, and is president of the Sportsmen's Association of Cheat Mountain, W. Va., which controls a hunting reserve of 64,000 acres, in Pocahontas County, and is also president of the Marion Game and Protective Association, a local organization. His activities in borough affairs have been constant and beneficial. He is a member of the school board and for a long period has been a member of the council, of which he has been president since 1908. He is a Mason of high degree, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Monongahela City, and to Chapter, Council and Consistory, at Pittsburg.

CEPHAS T. DODD, M.D. There is no name in all Washington County held in higher esteem than that of Dodd. Its enterprise, its ability and its religion have all produced interesting and valuable pages of history to this section and one of those who worthily bears the name is Dr. Cephas T. Dodd, who has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in South Franklin Township since 1881. He was born April 24, 1854, and is a son of Dr. Elias and Margaret (Bradford) Dodd and a grandson of Rev. Cephas Dodd.

The first of the name to appear in New England was Daniel Dodd, who came from the British Isles to Connecticut in one of the early sailing vessels. From him

descended Stephen Dodd, who, in turn, became the father of Daniel Dodd. The latter had three sons, Stephen, Daniel and John. Stephen Dodd (2), son of Daniel, was born at Guilford, Conn., in 1703, and in early life moved to New Jersey, locating first at Newark and later moving to Mendham. Of his children two became of importance to Washington County, coming to this borderland as pioneers.

Thaddeus Dodd, son of Stephen (2) was born at Newark, N. J., March 7, 1740. In early youth he evidenced a strong inclination for serious study and showed much talent and originality, excelling all his comrades and schoolmates in his requirements. On July 18, 1764, he was converted during the progress of a great revival, and in his thirty-first year he entered Princeton College and was graduated in the autumn of 1773. At the time of the celebration of the Ten-Mile churches in Washington County, August 28, 1879, Rev. James Allison, D. D., submitted so interesting a record of this great and good man that a part of it may be advantageously incorporated in the present biography. Dr. Allison said in part:

"Soon after graduation he went to Newark, N. J., where he married Miss Phebe Baldwin, and entered upon the study of theology, under the direction of Rev. Dr. McWhorter. One year later he removed to Morristown and continued the same line of study under Rev. Dr. Johns, who had been his first instructor in Latin. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New York. Through the winter of 1776-77 he suffered from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but in the month of March, though still feeble, he started upon a journey to the West. After preaching in parts of Virginia and Maryland, he crossed the mountains, visited the settlements on George's Creek, Muddy Creek and Dunlap's Creek and then came to Ten-Mile, where he remained until August, preaching in private houses, in the woods and in Lindley's and Bell's forts. After his return to the East he was ordained by the Presbytery of New York as an evangelist. Shortly after this he left New Jersey with his wife and three-year-old daughter and a young son, and accompanied by two brothers and their families, arrived early in November at Patterson's Creek, Hampshire County, Va., with the intention of pushing still farther west."

Dr. Allison describes the confusion and alarm aroused about that time by savage Indian attacks and explains why the companions of the evangelist did not accompany him at that time. He then continues:

"In a few days he crossed the mountains alone, reached Ten-Mile, preached in the forts and baptized the children, safely returning to his family. It is not known that he visited this place again until the fall of 1779, when he brought his family with him. He resided first near the Lindley's, in what is now Morris Township. On

November 22, 1786, he took a patent for 400 acres of land in Amwell Township and there made his permanent home. In 1782 he opened a classical and mathematical school especially designed to prepare young men for the ministry and this he continued for three years. In 1789 he became principal of an academy at Washington, Pa. On August 15, 1781, the first Presbyterian Church was organized, in 1785 the first church building was erected."

Dr. Allison gave many more interesting recitals up to the time of the lamented death of Dr. Dodd, which occurred from consumption, May 20, 1793. He was one of the men of history in western Pennsylvania.

Rev. Cephas Dodd, grandfather of Dr. Dodd, of South Franklin Township, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1789. He was both a minister and a physician and in the latter capacity practiced over a wide territory. As pastor he succeeded his honored father and ministered to the Ten-Mile congregation at Amity. He died January 16, 1859, a worthy son of a worthy father. In 1805 he married Ruth Flenniken and they became the parents of the following children: Jane, Sarah, Thaddeus, Cornelia, Eliza, Hannah, James, Cephas and Elias F.

Elias F. Dodd was born December 1, 1823, in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa. He inherited many of the qualities that made both father and grandfather men far above the average and, in turn, he gained personal distinction for himself. In 1841 he entered Washington College and was graduated in 1848, then studied medicine and entered upon practice in 1853, marrying in the same year and settling in Franklin Township, Washington County, where he continued his professional work for over a half century. He was identified with the Washington County Medical Society and was numbered with the most able exponents of the science of medicine in all this section. Covered with professional honors and bearing the weight of eighty-five prolific years, he passed out of life on September 8, 1908. Dr. Dodd was gifted with a natural talent for music and was a fine performer on musical instruments, especially the violin and organ, with which he frequently banished the sorrows that sometimes weighed him down, when all his care and skill could not keep the inroads of disease from proving fatal. He also found recreation in looking after his agricultural affairs to some extent. He married Margaret Bradford and four children were born to them, there being two survivors: Cephas T. and Samuel B., the latter of whom resides also in South Franklin Township.

Dr. Cephas T. Dodd was reared on his father's estate and received his literary training in Washington and Jefferson College and through private tutors. He prepared for a career as a physician, entering the Cleveland Medical College for this purpose and was graduated from that well known institution, in 1881, its change of name to the Western Reserve University not affecting its effi-

ciency as a great medical school. He was associated in practice with his late father until the latter retired. Dr. Dodd was married June 30, 1881, to Miss Ella C. Patterson, who was born in South Franklin Township and is a daughter of the late James W. Patterson who, for many years, was an extensive stock and wool dealer in this section. Dr. and Mrs. Dodd have had two sons: John A. and Frank C., the latter of whom is deceased. In 1908 the former graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and is now a student of medicine at the Western Reserve University. Dr. and Mrs. Dodd are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church of South Franklin Township.

In politics, Dr. Dodd is identified with the Republican party. His activity as a citizen has been directed in support of good laws and his influence in his community has been felt in its better education along the lines of sanitation and other health producing conditions. He is a valued member of a number of the leading scientific organizations of the country and is active in the Washington County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is interested in business outside his profession to some extent, this including ownership of lands and a directorship of the Union Trust Company at Washington, Pa.

REV. JOSEPH A. BURGOON, pastor of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church at McDonald, Pa., and one of the borough's most esteemed clergies, was born at Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pa., April 20, 1871, and is a son of Silas and Rachel (McHugh) Burgoon.

Silas Burgoon was a quiet, industrious man who worked at the millwright trade. He died at Latrobe, April 30, 1905. His widow survives and lives with her son, Rev. Father Burgoon. They were the parents of the following children: Cecelia, who married George W. Grier, and lives in Chicago; Richard L.; Alice, who is now deceased, was the wife of Joseph Ruffner; Mary, who resides with her mother and brother; and Theresa, who married Frank P. Smith, lives at Latrobe.

Joseph A. Burgoon in his boyhood attended both the public and parochial schools at Latrobe. In 1887 he entered St. Vincent's College near Latrobe, as a student, and spent five years in the classical department and then entered the seminary department and spent two years in the study of philosophy. He continued his studies until he won the degree of B. A., after which he spent three years in the study of theology, gaining his degree of M. A. On June 26, 1897, he was ordained to the priesthood at the same institution of learning, by Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan, a holy man, who was then Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Father Burgoon's first appointment was as assistant to Rev. Father Bradley, at St. Kiern's Church, on 54th street, Pittsburgh, and he continued there

eighteen months when he was transferred to St. Thomas' Church, at Braddock, where he was assistant to the Very Rev. John Hickey. After four useful years there, Father Burgoon was sent to McDonald, and he served two charges, Nobelstown and McDonald, for three years. These are now two separate congregations. Father Burgoon's character is of that fortunate blend of faculties which make him an excellent executive and also a power in his ministry. He possesses social instincts which make him a valued and beloved member of several fraternal organizations together with innumerable church bodies. He belongs to the lodge of Elks at Braddock and to the Duquesne council of the Knights of Columbus.

JOHN M. FULTON, D.D.S., who is a leading practitioner of dental surgery, with finely equipped offices at No. 423 Washington Trust building, Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city since 1884. He is a native of Washington County, born in North Strabane Township, in 1858, and is a son of Dr. Samuel and Margaret J. (Rankin) Fulton.

Dr. Samuel Fulton was also born in North Strabane Township, the family having settled in the county in 1834. He studied dentistry in his youth and located at Washington in 1867, where he continued to practice until his death, in 1890. He married Margaret J. Rankin, who was also born in Washington County and died at Washington in 1900. They reared a family of five children, namely: John M.; Mary, who is the wife of Rev. John C. Scouller, a United Presbyterian minister located in Philadelphia; Ollie, who is now deceased, was the wife of George T. Walker; Annie, who is the wife of Andrew Blair, a journalist residing at Duquesne, Pa.; and Ada, who is also deceased.

John M. Fulton was educated in the public schools of Washington County and at Washington and Jefferson College, and then studied his father's profession and in 1881 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania Dental College, Philadelphia. He located at Bloomington, Ill., and continued in practice there until he came back to Washington, in 1884. He has a well justified reputation for professional skill. He is an active citizen in the way of upholding the laws relative to good government and has accepted membership on the school board.

In 1883, Dr. Fulton was married to Miss Elizabeth Bell, a daughter of John E. Bell, of an old and representative family, and they have two sons: John Donnan and Floyd S. The former was a graduate in the class of 1905 from Washington and Jefferson College and now resides at Marion, Ill. He married Miss Claire Bainbridge of that place. The second son is a student in the Washington Business College. Dr. Fulton is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the National Union and the Heptasophs.

BASIL E. STROUD, a respected citizen of Jefferson Township, Washington Co., Pa., who carries on farming and stock raising on his 118 acres of land, was born in Independence Township, not far from the village of that name, May 5, 1857. His parents were James and Jane (Midealf) Stroud.

James Stroud was also born in Independence Township, Washington County, where the larger portion of his life was spent. During the closing years of his life he lived retired with his son, Basil E., where he died in 1902, and he was buried in the Bethel Church Cemetery, being a member of that church. He followed milling at Patterson's mills. He married Jane Midealf, a daughter of Edward Midealf, and they had five children, as follows: Margaret, who married George Floor, of Jefferson Co., Ohio; Mary Jane, who married Mr. Heusler, of Burgettstown; Bridget, who is a resident of Wellsburg, W. Va.; Basil E.; and Kate, who married Albert Pettibone, of Brooke County, W. Va. The mother of this family died in her 73rd year, and she also was buried in Bethel Cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Independence. James Stroud was a Republican in politics and served several terms as constable at Independence.

Basil E. Stroud is a self-made man, having made his own way in the world without assistance since he was seventeen years of age. He was one of a large family and the father's circumstances were such that the children frequently had to endure hardships which Mr. Stroud would not like his grandchildren to have to bear. During his boyhood he never knew the comforts of proper underclothing or had any chance to enjoy the innocent amusements of the neighborhood if they entailed the spending of money. He went to school when he could be spared and attended what was known as the Falling Timber school, near Independence.

Finally he left home and then hired out to different parties in various sections of the county, working first by the day, week or month, as he could secure employment, learning to save his money for future investment. After his marriage he rented a farm of William Stein, near Eldersville, for two years, moved then to the Miller farm for one year, then spent one year in farming in Jefferson County, Ohio, where he also engaged in dairying. After he returned to Independence Township he rented land of James Walker for two years, moved then to the Patterson farm, on which he remained six years and then came to Jefferson Township. He rented the Elmer Cunningham farm for three years and the Jennie Cunningham farm for two years. In 1898 he bought his present farm from the Thomas Patterson administrators, and has resided here ever since. He has done considerable improving. The coal had been previously sold to the Keystone Company and this land has been leased

several times but never tested. Mr. Stroud keeps cows for butter purposes and also raises poultry and has done well with sheep, wintering about 100 head.

On December 19, 1880, Mr. Stroud was married to Miss Anna Walker, a daughter of J. C. Walker, and they have four children: Jennie, who married George Criss; Bessie, who married Henry Criss; and Norris, and Cree, both of whom attend school at Eldersville. Mrs. Stroud is a very intelligent lady. Mr. Stroud has never voted any but the Republican ticket. He served very acceptably as road supervisor for one year in Jefferson Township.

J. BENNETT MOFFITT, who has been postmaster at West Brownsville, Pa., since October 1, 1897, was born January 17, 1845, in West Brownsville, and is a son of James and Eliza (Bennett) Moffitt.

James Moffitt, who was born on a farm in West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., was a civil engineer by profession, and he served as justice of the peace in West Brownsville, for a period of twenty-two years. His father, James Moffitt, Sr., was born and reared in North Ireland came to this country at the age of twenty-one years, and here was married and spent the remainder of his life. Eliza Bennett Moffitt, mother of our subject, was born January 17, 1815, near Lock 5, at West Brownsville, Pa., and was a daughter of Jacob Bennett, a native of Leesburg, Va., who was a farmer and trader. He disposed of his produce, including flour, apples, cider, etc., down the river, traveling as far south as New Orleans, and was there carrying on business at the time of the battle during the War of 1812. The parents of our subject both died in West Brownsville, Pa.

J. Bennett Moffitt was reared at West Brownsville, where he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for thirty years, and has been a life-long resident. Personally he has the esteem of his fellow citizens, and officially their full confidence, and has served them acceptably for thirteen years.

THOMAS MAXWELL POTTS, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Canonsburg, Pa., was born in Highland Township, Chester County, this State, February 17, 1836, son of Thomas Jefferson and Margaret (Carter) Potts.

His first paternal ancestor in America was David Potts, of the Cheshire, England, family of that name, but was himself a resident of Montgomeryshire, Wales, before emigrating to Pennsylvania about 1683. He was a Quaker and married Alice Croasdale, a native of Lancashire, England, whose family accompanied William Penn to this country, settling in Pennsylvania. They also, it is needless to say, were Quakers.

The next in the present line of descent, and son of the foregoing, was Daniel Potts, who was born near Germantown, Pa., April 19, 1698. He married Sarah Shoemaker, a daughter of Peter Shoemaker, her paternal grandfather being also named Peter. The two Peters were from Chrisheim, Germany.

Samuel Potts, of the third generation, son of Daniel and Sarah was born in Germantown, August 12, 1723. He married Ann Rush, who was an aunt of Dr. Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They lived and died in Philadelphia.

James Potts, son of Samuel and Ann (Rush) Potts, and grandfather of Thomas Maxwell Potts, was born in Germantown, June 17, 1752. He married Sarah Wessell, a native of Philadelphia, whose parents were from New York. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Rachel, three sons, triplets, who died in infancy; Hannah, James W., Ann, Eliza, Samuel, Hannah (2d), Sarah, and Thomas J.

Thomas Jefferson Potts, son of James and Sarah Potts and father of the subject of this sketch, was born December 14, 1798, in Philadelphia, and was a mere lad when his parents moved to Chester County, Pa. He married Margaret Carter, a daughter of William and Betty (Butler) Carter, and a descendant of Jeremiah Carter, who came from near London, England, in 1682, and whose wife's name was Mary. The Carter line of descent is as follows:

Jeremiah Carter, the immigrant ancestor above mentioned. Abraham, son of Jeremiah, was born July 1, 1700, and died in 1789, aged eighty-nine. He married Lydia Clayton, who was born in what is now Delaware County, June 4, 1716. She died in 1796. Joseph Carter, son of Abraham and Lydia, was born November 17, 1749 and died in 1830. He married Margaret Cloud, who was born June 11, 1753, and died in 1827. William Carter, son of Joseph and Margaret, and in the fourth generation from the immigrant ancestor, was born October 20, 1781, and died in August, 1855, in Cecil County, Md. He married Betty Butler, who was born in 1777 and died in 1831; she was from Chester County, Pa. Their daughter, Margaret, already mentioned as having married Thomas Jefferson Potts, was born in Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pa., June 16, 1813; she died in Chester County in 1874.

Thomas Jefferson Potts and his wife Margaret just referred to, were the parents of five sons and two daughters. Thomas Maxwell, born February 17, 1836. James Carter Potts, a civil engineer and county surveyor for a number of years of Richland County; he married Miss Grizzelle McIntire. Sarah Elizabeth died in infancy. William Potts married Miss Anna L. Wilson and resides on the old homestead in Chester County, Pa. Joseph Terrance Potts, a farmer of Chester County, married

Elizabeth Hamill. Mary Anna Potts died in childhood. Alfred Hamilton Potts married Alice Young; he is a printer and resides in Pittsburg.

Thomas Maxwell Potts acquired his education in the academies in Chester County and the Normal School at Millersville, Lancaster County, Pa. He taught school in the academy at Downingtown and Greenwood Seminary at Millville, and was also principal and superintendent of the public schools of Bellville, Ohio, to which place he went in 1866, some six years after his marriage. He then engaged in the hardware business at Bellville, and so continued until 1870, in which year he removed to Canonsburg. He continued in the hardware business here for a time, having a partner and conducting the business under the name of T. M. Potts & Co. Having learned the printer's trade, he opened an office at Canonsburg in 1870, and in 1872 established the Canonsburg "Herald," a weekly newspaper, which he conducted until 1888, when he disposed of the business to Sipe and Charlton. He is the author and publisher of "A Short Biographical Sketch of Major James Potts," in 1877; "Bi-Centenary Memorial of Jeremiah Carter," in 1883; "Our Family Ancestors," in 1895; and "Historical Collections Relating to the Potts Family in Gt. Britain and America," 1901. He has also been a liberal contributor to other publications of biographical and genealogical articles, aggregating about 1,500 octavo pages. He is a corresponding member of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, and a member of the Washington County, Pa., Historical Society.

From 1888 to 1906 Mr. Potts served as justice of the peace, except during a year and a half of that time. Since then he has been notary public, having an office in Canonsburg.

He was married, March 22, 1860, to Mary Miller, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Baker) Miller. She was born April 6, 1838, and is a descendant of Gayen Miller, who settled at Kennett, Chester County, Pa., about or shortly after the year 1700. The wife of this early progenitor of the Millers was Margaret Henderson. They had twelve children. Joseph, the ninth child, married Jane Kirk, daughter of Jacob. Their son Samuel married Martha Hobson, daughter of Francis. Their son Samuel married Margaret Mitchell, daughter of Richard or John. Their son Reuben married Sarah Baker, daughter of John.

Thomas Maxwell and Mary (Miller) Potts have been the parents of the following children: Reuben Claude Potts, born January 25, 1861, married Miss Claribel Fife, daughter of John and Mary (Adams) Fife; has charge of the printing in the job department of the "Notes" office, has two children, a son and a daughter. Ada Mary, wife of Rolland H. Griffith, is the mother of two sons, Samuel Claude Griffith and William Potts Griffith.





WILLIAM J. ANGEMEER



Mr. Griffith is a farmer of Chartiers Township. William Potts, son of Reuben Claude, died October 11, 1908, aged twenty-one years less nineteen days; he was a draughtsman in the Fort Pitt Bridge Works. Rev. Thomas Pliny Potts, born Oct. 23, 1862, married Miss Mary Netting, daughter of Charles L. and Sarah (Graham) Netting. They reside at present in Fort Wayne, Ind., and are both instructors in the Bible Training School there. They have no children. He is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian church and was located eight years in Beaver County and seven years in Pittsburg as instructor in the Pittsburg Bible Institute. William Baker Potts was born March 6, 1865; he is unmarried. Mitchell Miller Potts, born Jan. 5, 1867, married Sadie Grace Beatty, daughter of Jonathan and Emeline (Hookey) Beatty. They have been the parents of four children, of whom three are now living, namely Hilda Grace, Marie Emelyn, Thomas Miller Potts (died in infancy), and William Louis Potts. William B. and Mitchell Miller Potts were for a number of years engaged in the grocery and china-ware business in Canonsburg, but since 1904 they have been engaged in the real estate business. Louis Maxwell Potts, Ph.D., born Oct. 30, 1876, is unmarried. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and the Johns Hopkins University, graduating from the former institution in 1896. He taught for a year in the Washington High School. He obtained his degree of Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1900. He is the chief electrical engineer of the Rowland Multiplex Telegraph Company, of Baltimore—the invention of Dr. Rowland and completed by Prof. Potts.

The subject of this sketch has been for fifty years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch. He was also for twenty-three years a member of the Royal Arcanum and is a past regent of that order. His political principles affiliate him with the Republican party. He is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church and superintendent of the Sabbath school.

WILLIAM J. ANGEEMEER, who has been a resident of Finleyville, Pa., since March, 1891, is burgess of that borough, and is the owner of a general blacksmith shop located on the Brownsville road near the B. & O. Railroad. He was born Sept. 29, 1863, at Emmerich on the Rhine, Germany. He is a son of Charles and Mary (Wintjes) Angemeer, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, where the former, who was a conductor on the railroad, died in January, 1908. He is survived by his widow, who is a resident of Germany. They had the following children: Anna, deceased; Charles, deceased; William John; Henry; Claire; Edward, who came to this country, died in Virginia in

May, 1903; Anna; Bernhard; and two who died in infancy.

William J. Angemeer, who is the only member of the family now residing in America, was reared in his native country, where he attended the public schools, and at the age of 14 began learning the blacksmith trade, at which he worked as a journeyman after serving an apprenticeship of three years, which cost his father \$50. In 1885 he enlisted in the German army as a member of the "Burgoon Reg. No. 9, Fourth Squadron," which inscription is tattooed on his right arm, and in 1888, after an honorable discharge and a promotion to corporal, came to America, locating for a while at Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade. He subsequently resided at Edna for a short time and in 1891 came to Finleyville, where he worked as a blacksmith in the Germania mines until 1894, when he erected his present shop, which he has conducted continuously since, and in October, 1904, erected his large residence on Sherman avenue.

Mr. Angemeer is a Republican in politics, has served nine years as a member of the borough Council, was elected justice of the peace twice and in March, 1909, was elected burgess of Finleyville, Pa. He is fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F. No. 248 at Gastonville, Pa., and the Order of the Moose at Finleyville.

On Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. Angemeer was united in marriage with Matilda Victoria Grant, a daughter of Charles Grant, and to them have been born four children: Mabel, Charles, Helen and Bessie Irene.

WILLIAM PARKISON WARNE, attorney-at-law and a representative and useful citizen of Washington, Pa., was born February 28, 1860, in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Mary Warne and is a descendant of very old and prominent families of western Pennsylvania.

The Warne family is of English origin. The family was founded in New Jersey by the great-great-grandfather of William P. Warne, and in that Atlantic State a son, Joseph Warne, was born, and he it was who had the courage and ambition to penetrate into the wilds of western Pennsylvania, locating in what is now Allegheny County, in 1770. He was accompanied by his wife and their five children: Stephen, Abram, James, Mary and Frances. This family had much to do with the founding of the Presbyterian faith in this section and Joseph Warne was a leading member of the Round Hill Church. Other children were born after the family settled in Allegheny County, and one of these, James, became the direct ancestor of William P. Warne, of Washington.

Major James Warne, an officer of the Pennsylvania militia and later in the War of 1812, was born in Forward Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1779, and died December 6, 1855. He was educated in the schools of Forward Township and also attended an academy at Uniontown in preparation for the Presbyterian ministry, but after he gave up this ambition he came to Washington County and engaged as a clerk in a store at Parkinson's Ferry, which is now Monongahela. He later became interested in boating, boat-building and trading, his interests reaching as far as New Orleans.

In 1811 he was commissioned by Gov. Simon Snyder a captain of the light infantry in the Second Battalion, Fifty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. In 1812 the Government accepted this regiment for service in the war then pending, and Capt. Warne served until September 25, 1812, with that rank, and was then commissioned major of the First Battery in the Third Regiment, commanded by Col. Snyder, and with that rank continued to serve until his honorable discharge on December 31, 1812. He then returned to his home and in connection with his brother-in-law, William Parkison, built a glass factory, which was the first enterprise of this kind at Monongahela City, or Williamsport, as the place was then denominated. The two business men were associated in other concerns and conducted a general merchandise business until 1825. Major Warne then engaged in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture and resided on his farm, which he named Eden, until his death. The legal records of his day show how frequently he was called upon to advise and assist his neighbors in legal matters and their confidence in his judgment and integrity caused his almost continual service for a long period as administrator and executor. In 1805 he married Mary Parkison, who was the only daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Weaver) Parkison.

The Parkisons were, like the Warnes, of English extraction. Joseph Parkison was born in 1740, near Carlisle, Pa., where he married, and thus brought into the family a strain of the sturdy, thrifty old Dutch stock. They had three sons and one daughter: James, David, William and Mary. Joseph Parkison came to Washington County and to what is now Monongahela City about 1768 and became a very useful as well as prominent citizen. He was one of the first named justices of the county and established the first postoffice in this region. He was the patentee of the land upon which the greater part of Monongahela City now stands and for many years conducted an inn in connection with his ferry and store.

James Warne, father of William P. Warne and son of Major James and Margaret Warne, was born at what is now Monongahela City, May 11, 1812, and was fourteen

years of age when his parents moved to the farm. He was well educated for his time and some years after his marriage settled on a farm in Fallowfield Township, where he lived from 1843 until 1884, and then returned to Monongahela City, where he continued to reside until his death ten years later. He was a man of ample fortune, and in addition to owning large estates in Washington County he also had a large amount of realty in Monongahela City. He was a consistent member and for years an official of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1836 he was married (first) to Cassandra Nichols, a daughter of James and Mary Nichols. She died in 1856 without issue. He was married (second) to Elizabeth Mary Dumm, a daughter of James Dumm, of Allegheny County. She survived until August 30, 1868, passing away but leaving behind her the record of a beautiful life. She was a devoted Christian woman, a sincere member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To this marriage were born four children, namely: an infant daughter which died at birth; William Parkison; James Jefferson, who was born in 1862 and died in 1872; and Mary Eliza, who was born August 15, 1864. She married Dr. George Stathers, of Monongahela City.

William Parkison Warne attended the local schools until he was fourteen years of age and then entered Hoge's Summit Academy, in Washington County, and later attended Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa., subsequently becoming a student at Washington and Jefferson College and graduating with credit from that institution in the Class of 1882. As he had devoted himself very closely to his studies for a considerable period, Mr. Warne practically put aside his books for two years and resided on the home farm. He then went to Monongahela City and there entered upon the study of law in the office of the late Thomas H. Baird, and continued his studies under that distinguished jurist until he was thoroughly prepared for admission to the bar, at the same time pursuing a law course at the University of Virginia. On May 12, 1890, Mr. Warne entered into practice at Monongahela City, where he continued to reside until 1901, when he became a resident of Washington. He has continued in active practice, but has not confined himself entirely to his profession. A Democrat in politics from the time of his majority to the time of President McKinley's first election (1896), since which time he has been a regular and staunch Republican, he early identified himself with public matters and has been a very important factor in shaping the progress made in this section. In 1892 he edited a daily newspaper at Monongahela, served a term there in the city Council, was postmaster and held other prominent offices. He was a stockholder and a director in the First National Bank of Monongahela City, of which he was one of the organizers. He has been equally prominent since

coming to Washington and is serving as mayor of the borough of East Washington. In his business, professional and personal relations, he is a man of the highest type of character, reflecting credit upon his ancestors while he enjoys the prestige of their accomplishments. He is identified with all the leading fraternal organizations, many social bodies and, with his wife, is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Warne was married to Abigail Millar, a daughter of T. W. and Mary Ellen (Scott) Kemp, of Ironton, Ohio. Mrs. Warne is a lady of thorough education and many social graces. In June, 1886, she was graduated at the head of her class from the Kingsbury High School, was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware from 1887 until 1890, and has cultivated an exceptionally fine voice. Mr. and Mrs. Warne have had the following children: Madeline, born July 11, 1892, died Aug. 19, 1893; James Kemp, born Jan. 4, 1894; Mar. Elizabeth, born Mar. 11, 1896; Thomas Parkison, born Jan. 13, 1898; William Dumm, born Sept. 8, 1898; John Scott, who was born and died Aug. 4, 1902; and Richard Mastin and his twin brother, Harry Millar, born Oct. 17, 1903. Mr. Warne and family occupy one of the most beautiful residences at Washington, which place has a more than local reputation for handsome buildings.

D. O. HANCHER, a leading citizen and successful farmer of West Finley Township, operating an estate of 362 acres near Good Intent, 140 acres of which he owns, was born near his present home, in 1855. His parents were James W. and Mary Ann (Cotterell) Hancher, both of whom are now deceased and their remains rest in the West Finley Cemetery. They had the following children: Emma who married John Miller, of Nebraska; D. O., of West Finley Township; Dudley, who lives at Claysville, Pa.; Elizabeth P., who died at the age of 17 years; Anna, who married Dr. Bodkins; Lulu, who married Max Plants, of East Finley; Ella, who married Nathan Plants, of East Finley Township; and Edith, who is a trained nurse, residing at East Liverpool, Ohio.

D. O. Hancher attended the district schools until he was 18 years of age and then assisted his father on the farm, but shortly afterward the father died and the main responsibility fell on the son. Six years later the mother also died, but D. O. remained on the place and has continued the management of the whole estate, together with his own farm, and is numbered with the most successful farmers and stock raisers of the township.

In 1877, Mr. Hancher was married to Miss Yetta Horr, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Pracht) Horr, na-

tives of Germany, but later residents of West Finley Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hancher have had the following children: Olive B., who is the wife of Daniel Sprowls of West Finley Township; Margaret E., who is the wife of Harry Stennons, of West Finley Township; Earl, who died when aged 6 years; John D., who lives in West Finley Township; Walter D., who lives in the same township; Mary, who died in infancy; and James W., Ray and Clara Marie, all of whom are at home. The children have all been sent to school and this is a representative, intelligent American family.

Mr. Hancher is one of the township's representative citizens, taking an interest in public affairs and giving support to both education and religion. He was reared in the political beliefs of the Republican party and on the Republican ticket has frequently been elected to township offices. He has served acceptably as census enumerator, road master and for five successive terms as supervisor. His family are members of the Windy Gap Presbyterian Church.

M. R. ZAHNISER, general manager of the Washington Foundry and Manufacturing Company, with a well equipped plant situated in the midst of the manufacturing district at Washington, Pa., is one of the active and representative business men of this city. He was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1858, and is a son of Michael and a grandson of William Zahnisser, the former of whom was born in Mercer County in 1820.

The Zahnisser family of Pennsylvania is a numerous and reputable one and is distinguished for the solid and sturdy qualities of its German ancestry. Washington numbers among its best citizens, representatives of this old Mercer County family.

M. R. Zahnisser was reared and educated in Mercer County and there followed farming until 1885, when he came to Washington County, where, until 1899, he worked as a machinist and followed oil-well drilling. He is a man of business foresight as was shown by his then leasing a foundry, which was the real beginning of his present well established business, which took shape, under its present name, in 1902. The Washington Foundry and Manufacturing Company do general foundry work. They occupy two buildings, one being 100 feet square, and the dimensions of the other being 30x60 feet and three stories in height. Mr. Zahnisser has invented an oil derrick, constructed of iron, which can be manufactured in his foundry, and it is of such utility that it is sure to meet with a hearty welcome from oil workers in every field.

In 1887, Mr. Zahnisser was married to Miss Winnifred Lowry, who was born in Mercer County, Pa., and they have three children: Leroy S., Julia and Wilda. The

family attend the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. The handsome family home is situated at No. 711 Jefferson avenue, Washington.

ALEXANDER HALLAM, who owns the old family homestead of 203 acres, which is situated in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., about three miles from Washington and has been in the family since 1793, has one of the best improved properties and the finest rural home in all this section. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Feb. 12, 1844, and is a son of William and Lydia (Munnell) Hallam.

William Hallam spent almost his entire life in Amwell Township. His father was John Hallam and his grandfather was Thomas Hallam. The family came very early to Washington County and has always stood high in public esteem, its members having been men of character and public spirit. William Hallam died in 1884 and of his children the following survive: Thomas, who resides in Indiana; Charles, who lives at Canton, Ohio; William, who lives in Amwell Township; Samuel, who lives at Winona, Ill.; Alexander, who owns the old homestead; and John, who resides in Ohio. William Hallam was an extensive farmer and stock dealer and was known all over Washington County.

Alexander Hallam was educated in the schools of South Strabane Township and Amwell Township. He has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and in addition to farming and stock raising has, for years, done a large business in buying and selling stock. He is one of the best judges of live stock in this section, having been associated with the industry since boyhood. He has taken much pride in the improving of his property and in 1906 erected his handsome and commodious brick residence.

Mr. Hallam married Miss Phebe A. Ross, a daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth (Hewitt) Ross, who were pioneers of Washington County. To Mr. and Mrs. Hallam eight children were born, the four survivors being: Joseph A. and Thomas R., both residing at Washington; Dolly, wife of William Riggie, of Washington; and Mary M., wife of Russell Warner, of Washington. Joseph A. married Nettie McCoy and they have two sons, Paul and Leslie. Thomas R., married Laura Shape, and they have a daughter, Iona. Mr. and Mrs. Riggie have one son, Merle. Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Hallam are deceased: Grace, who died at the age of 14 years; Madaline, who died when two years old; Bessie, who died aged 23 years, left one son, Lewis Hallam; and Alexander, Jr., who met an accidental death while hunting, when he was 26 years old. He left a widow, Mrs. Goldie (Brice) Hallam.

In politics, Mr. Hallam is a Democrat, but he gives

more attention to business than to public matters. He is interested as becomes a good citizen, but has always been unwilling to accept political office.

L. R. BOYD, who has been actively engaged in the practice of law at Washington since 1901, has been a resident of this city for some 29 years. He was born in 1873, in Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of James V. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd was educated at Washington and after completing the High School course, he entered Washington and Jefferson College and was graduated from that noted institution in the Class of 1897. He then became an instructor in the High School, teaching one year in the scientific department, in the meanwhile beginning his study of law and registering as a student with T. F. Birch. He completed his course with R. W. Irwin, a leading attorney of Washington, and was admitted to the bar in 1901, and later was admitted to the Supreme and Superior Courts of Pennsylvania and to the United States Circuit and District Courts of Western Pennsylvania. Aside from a very satisfactory practice, Mr. Boyd has other remunerative interests and is president and general manager of the Monte Rico Mining and Milling Company and is also individually interested in mining lands in Southwestern New Mexico.

In August, 1907, Mr. Boyd was married to Miss Daisey E. Sawyer, of Washington at that time, formerly of New York, and they have one son, Lawrence R. Boyd. Mr. Boyd is one of the representative men of Washington and takes an active part in promoting the best interests of the city.

J. ELLIOTT STEWART, whose valuable farm containing 230 acres of well improved land, is situated in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., is one of the representative and substantial citizens of the township in which he was born, Mar. 13, 1853. His parents were Robert and Sarah Jane (Elliott) Stewart.

The Stewart family traces back to one Lord Stewart, a native of Scotland, who later settled in County Tyrone, Ireland. James Stewart, great-grandfather of our subject, came with his family to the United States in 1812, on the ship "Doras." They were in the neighborhood of six months making the voyage, during which the ship was seized by a British man-of-war and all the able bodied young men were impressed into the navy. One of them was Robert Stewart, who was born in Ireland in 1795, and was a son of James and Elizabeth (Hemp-hill) Stewart, who was taken on to the man-of-war on which he was kept until several months later, when he was released through the efforts of a young lady, who pretended he was her husband. He landed at Philadelphia, and after a short time joined his parents in

Smith Township, Washington County, Pa. He later moved to Mt. Pleasant Township, where his father died. He was married soon after to Miss Ann McGough, who was a native of Ireland, and was the young lady who secured his release from the navy, a proper culmination of the early romance.

The parents of Mr. Stewart were well known and highly respected residents of Jefferson Township. The father, Robert Stewart, was born on the old farm in Jefferson Township, May 21, 1824. Their family consisted of three sons: John Elliott, James and Robert. The mother passed away while her sons were yet young, dying in 1857, and her burial was at Braggettstown. The father survived until September 26, 1893, and his burial was in the cemetery near Patterson's Mill. Both were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church.

J. Elliott Stewart was sent to the district schools near his father's farm, in his boyhood, and lived at home until his own marriage, after which he acquired his present property and has engaged in farming and stock raising ever since.

Mr. Stewart was married (first) September 18, 1878, to Miss Belle McKnight, a daughter of William McKnight. She died in the following year, leaving one son, Leman Edward, who grew to manhood and married Jessie Noah. They have two children: John Harold and Hilda Mary. Mr. Stewart was married (second) September 8, 1885, to Miss Flora A. Anderson, a daughter of H. C. Anderson, and one daughter was born to this union, Roberta V., who is the wife of Earl Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have two children: Pearl Elliott and Raymond Anderson. Mr. Stewart was a second time bereft of his companion, Mrs. Stewart passing away July 5, 1909. Her burial was in the Cross Creek village cemetery.

Like his father, Mr. Stewart has always been a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He has acceptably served in township offices, having been inspector of elections and road superintendent and for the past sixteen years has been a school director. He is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry and has been master of the local Grange, and he belongs also to the lodge of Odd Fellows at Eldersville.

**SAMUEL CHRISTIAN WEBB**, president of the Herron-Webb Engineering Company, who are extensive manufacturers of fans for mines, hoisting engines, cages for mines, elevators, etc., has been a resident of Monongahela City since December, 1901. He was born October 24, 1874, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., a son of Samuel C. and Alice (Bisher) Webb, and comes of one of the old established families of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Samuel C. Webb was born at Wilkesbarre, Pa., as was also his father, Wilson W. Webb, and his grand-

father Webb. He was a mechanic by trade and was pursuing a course of engineering at Yale University, when he enlisted in the Union army as a member of the 53rd Pa. "Zouaves," and gave his services to his country until the close of the Civil War. Upon his return to Wilkesbarre after the war, he engaged in the manufacturing of hoisting and hauling engines for a time, then engaged in the railroad business until the time of his death in 1898 at the age of forty-four years. He was united in marriage with Alice Bisher, a native of Trucksville, Pa., who is still living and resides with her son, Samuel C. They were the parents of two children: Samuel C. and Robert B.

Samuel C. Webb was reared at Wilkesbarre, Pa., where, when about seventeen years of age he began learning the machinist's trade in the railroad shops, with which his father had been identified. He later was chief engineer for the Exeter Machine Works of Pittsburgh for four years, and in 1901 came to Monongahela City as chief engineer of the Monongahela Manufacturing Company, of which he was shortly afterwards made superintendent and later manager. In May, 1906, he leased the plant, which he operated one year under the firm name of the Webb Machine Works, then consolidated with the Capell Fan and Engineering Company of Pittsburgh. In 1909 their plant was destroyed by fire, and he then invested his interests in that concern in his present plant, which he had previously purchased and had in operation in partnership with D. C. Herron, of Monongahela City. The plant, which was originally the old Black Diamond Engineering Company, covers a tract of three and a half acres and lies between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Monongahela River. The company, which has a capital stock of \$100,000, employs 150 men, and ship their goods extensively to all parts of the world. The officers of the Herron-Webb Engineering Company are as follows: Samuel C. Webb, president; A. S. Cooke, of Pittsburgh, vice president; and D. C. Herron, of Monongahela City, secretary and treasurer. In connection with his interests in the Herron-Webb Engineering Company, Mr. Webb is also identified with the Wallace & Kennedy Webb Harness Company.

Mr. Webb was married October 22, 1903, to Jennie M. Hitchner, who is a daughter of Joseph Hitchner, of West Pittston, Pa., and they have three children: Virginia, Samuel, Jr., and Joseph H. Mr. Webb is a member of the B. P. O. E., and the Masonic fraternity at Monongahela City. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. The family reside at No. 415 Ninth street.

**D. NELSON HALL**, engaged in business at Charleroi, tinner and slater and installer of the famous 20th Cen-

tury Warm Air Furnaces, blast pipes, cornices and skylights, doing also general repair work along the same lines, has his quarters at No. 401 Fallowfield street. He was born at Hockingport, Ohio, a village on the Ohio River, October 26, 1866, and is a son of James H. and Eliza Edna Hall.

The Hall family is an old one in Washington County and both father and grandfather of D. Nelson Hall were reared near Canonsburg, Pa., where many of the name reside. In 1867, James H. Hall moved to a small village named New England, in Wood County, W. Va. He was a carpenter by trade and died when his son was only nine years old.

D. Nelson Hall was reared in Wood County and attended school there, afterward teaching for one year in West Virginia before going to Chattanooga, Tenn. In that city he secured a position as shipping clerk for a large patent medicine concern. In 1902 he came to Charleroi and at first was with the firm of Hall & Whitlatch, and succeeded to the business. He is well and favorably known all through the surrounding towns where he has recommended and installed the 20th Century Air Furnaces, these modern, fuel-saving stoves having given entire satisfaction, and the handling of them as a specialty has reflected credit not only on Mr. Hall's business integrity, but also his business judgment. He employs seven competent men.

Mr. Hall married Miss Minnie Cornes, who was born at Springfield, Ohio, and they have had four children: Charles, who was born October 26, 1900, died January 11, 1905; and Ruth, Raymond and Harry Madison. Mr. Hall is an Odd Fellow.

JOSEPH FULTON McFARLAND is a grandson of Samuel McFarland, Sr., and Margaret (Fulton) McFarland, who arrived from Northern Ireland shortly before the year 1800. Samuel McFarland purchased lands on Raccoon Creek in Smith Township, near the location of the present mining town of Cherry Valley, and there reared his family of seven sons and three daughters. He retired to Cross Creek village, where he survived his wife nine years and died February 16, 1846. Several of his sons were located at that time on farms he had purchased in Smith and Robinson Townships. Samuel McFarland, son of Samuel, spent most of his life as a farmer in Robinson and Smith Townships and died in Burgettstown June 29, 1889.

The youngest child of his marriage with Jane Van Emen was Joseph Fulton McFarland, born in Robinson Township. He attended the common schools, academies in Florence, Uniontown and Canonsburg, and finally Washington and Jefferson College. Besides his early farm life he was engaged in surveying in Allegheny

County and as a superintendent and bookkeeper at the Uniontown Woolen Mills.

He was admitted to the bar of Washington County Oct. 14, 1868, where he has since continued to practice. He united in marriage with Mary Agnes Rankin, daughter of Rev. James Rankin and Katherine (Pollock) Rankin, March 9, 1882, and to them have been born one daughter and two sons, namely: Katherine Pollock, Samuel Audely, (recently admitted to practice law by the State Board Examiners of Pennsylvania), and Joseph Rankin.

He has followed the leading of his ancestors by being a Presbyterian and as independent Democrat.

JAMES V. BOYD, one of Washington's prominent and representative men, serving as treasurer of the borough, was born in 1844, at Fredericktown, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William P. Boyd. The Boyd family settled very early in the vicinity of Fredericktown and it is probable that William P. Boyd was born after his parents located in that section. He lived into advanced age, dying in 1877.

James V. Boyd was reared near his place of birth and attended school at Fredericktown and subsequently taught school for several winters. His father owned a grist and saw-mill and he assisted in operating them and later learned the carpenter trade and for a number of years worked in lumber. He continued at the carpenter trade until elected treasurer of Washington Borough, in which capacity he is now serving his second term. He is also interested with his son in valuable mining properties in New Mexico. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Boyd was married in 1865 to Miss Ada Etta Reed and they have six children, namely: James Ernest, who resides at Wheeling, W. Va.; Harry and Charles, twins, both of whom reside at Washington; Lawrence R., who is a well-known attorney at Washington and is interested with his father in New Mexico lands; William Howard, who resides in New Mexico; and Nora, who is at home. Mr. Boyd and wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

J. R. McCOY, one of Mt. Pleasant Township's representative retired farmers, who owns a valuable farm of 210 acres, is also an honored survivor of the great Civil War, in which he took part from 1862 until 1865. Mr. McCoy was born in Ohio County, W. Va., February 12, 1834, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Frazier) McCoy.

Samuel McCoy was born in Ireland, a son of William McCoy, the latter of whom never came to America. In early manhood Samuel McCoy reached the United States



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and settled in Ohio County, W. Va., where he spent his life. He engaged in farming and also was a mason contractor and was employed on the construction of the Government turnpike road from Baltimore to Crawford, Ind. He belonged to the McCoyites or Dissenters, a religious body in West Virginia, but later attended the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Middle Wheeling. He was buried at Stone Church, near where he lived and his wife was interred there also, although she died in Washington County, Pa. He married, in Ohio County, W. Va., Elizabeth Frazier, and they had eight children born to them: Eleanor (Bell), William, Jane (McCoy), Samuel, Margaret (Slater), Rosanna (Robinson), James R. and Hamilton.

J. R. McCoy obtained his education in the subscription schools in his native county and then engaged in farming. He went west to Marshall County, Ill., where, in 1867, he bought a farm of 210 acres, 40 acres of which is timber and coal land, and continued to live there for six years after his marriage. Prior to this he had served in the army, being enrolled August 13, 1862, in Co. D, 12th W. Va. Vol. Inf., under Capt. W. B. Curtis, and discharged June 15, 1865. In 1873, Mr. McCoy removed from Marshall County, Ill., to Allegheny County, Pa., where he resided for ten years and then came to the farm which he has occupied ever since. He made many substantial improvements here, in fact erected all the buildings which now stand, with the exception of the wagon shed, which was in fair condition. A test for oil and gas resulted in a loss of tools at a depth of 700 feet, and work in that line was discontinued.

On December 24, 1867, Mr. McCoy was married to Miss Sarah Jane Dinsmore, a daughter of Robert Dinsmore, and they have two children: William, who married Elizabeth B. Glass and they have a daughter, Zella Alice Ann; and Elizabeth Margaret, who married Boyd Emery. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Covenant Church in Cecil Township.

JAMES KERR, with his brother, Reuben Kerr, and his sister, Anna M. Kerr, resides on the old Kerr homestead farm of 180 acres, situated in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., about one and one-half miles east of Finleyville, and they are the only living children of Wilson and Jane (Snodgrass) Kerr.

The Kerr family is of Scotch-Irish extraction and the grandparents of the present representatives, settled at a very early day in what was then Elizabeth, but is now Forward Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and there Wilson Kerr was born and was the eldest of seven children, all of whom are now deceased. His birth took place in 1812, and his death occurred on the present farm in 1882. When he reached manhood he married Jane Snodgrass, who was born where Castle Shannon, Pa., now stands.

She was also of Scotch extraction and was the only child of John and Catherine (Gilkesson) Snodgrass. Her death occurred in 1885, when she was 75 years old. They had five children: Catherine, who died in 1900; Reuben; James; John, who died in 1891; and Anna Murray.

After his marriage, Wilson Kerr settled first on a farm in Allegheny County and then bought a farm near the river, in Union Township, Washington County, which he later sold and returned to Allegheny County. In 1854 he came back to Washington County and rented a farm on the hill, near Houston Run, and in 1875 bought the present Kerr farm from the heirs of Jamison Beatty, which then contained 200 acres. He made farming his business through life.

Both Reuben and James Kerr were born in Washington County, but the three other members of the family were born in Allegheny County. The family is one widely known and universally respected. All its members are united with the Presbyterian Church. The two brothers are Republicans in their political views.

JAMES L. PROWITT, a representative business citizen of Washington, Pa., who is identified with the Manufacturers Light, Heat and Power Company, was born at Washington, in 1860. His father, the late Alfred Provitt, was born in Philadelphia, but came to Washington in early manhood and for years was connected with the business interests of this place.

James L. Prowitt was reared at Washington and enjoyed school advantages here. During the earlier period of his business life he was interested in the baking and later the grocery business, but for the past eighteen years he has been connected with the Manufacturers Light, Heat and Power Company, at present being in charge of the low pressure line. He has been an active and earnest citizen and has frequently served on the school board and in the city Council.

In 1889, Mr. Prowitt was married to Miss Mary Glessner, of Somerset County, Pa., and they have five children, namely: Gratten, who is in the employ of the Manufacturers Light, Heat and Power Company; Lizzie, who is a clerk in the county commissioner's office; and Pauline, Alfred and Eldine. Mr. Prowitt and family are members of the Episcopal Church, with which he has been identified for a quarter of a century. His fraternal associations are with the Odd Fellows and the Heptasophs.

FRANK W. MILLER, general farmer and stock raiser, whose 130 acres of valuable land is all in one body and lies in Mt. Pleasant Township, one mile east of Hickory, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm January 16, 1872, and is a son of John M. and Agnes (White) Miller.

The grandfather of Mr. Miller was born in Ireland and accompanied his father to Washington County, and settled in Mt. Pleasant Township, near Hickory. The father of Mr. Miller was born and reared here and became one of the leading men of this section. His death occurred in 1888. His widow survives and resides on the homestead with her son, Frank W., who is unmarried. To John M. Miller and wife five children were born, namely: Catherine, who married John C. Baine, and they have four children—Edith, John, Agnes and Donald; Frank W.; Janet, who died in July, 1904, was the wife of John Hood and she is survived by one daughter, Janet Miller Hood; and Ralph and Harry, both of whom are civil engineers, the former of St. Louis and the latter residing at Terre Haute, Ind.

Frank W. Miller attended the public schools at Hickory and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, after which he spent some eight years working on the Northern Pacific Railroad. After he returned to Mt. Pleasant Township, he bought the interests of the other heirs in his grandfather's homestead and immediately began to make improvements. He built a handsome residence and a substantial barn and other farm buildings and in a short time had the whole estate in condition to till profitably. The coal underlying has been sold to the Pittsburgh Coal Company, and Mr. Miller has one gas well on the place. He raises quite a large amount of cattle, of mixed grade, which he keeps for sale, finding an easy market. In his political views he is a Democrat and is serving as road supervisor in Mt. Pleasant Township, his present term expiring in January, 1910. With his mother he attends the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS DENNISTON, one of the substantial farmers of Washington County, Pa., in equal association with his brother, William Denniston, owns a farm of 225 acres in Union Township and a second farm of 125 acres in Peters Township and resides on the Union Township property. He was born on this farm, May 11, 1847, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Denniston.

William Denniston, grandfather of subject, came from Ireland to this country prior to the Revolutionary War, to which cause he later gave his services, and after the close of same located in Chester County, Pa., where he married Elizabeth Wilson. He afterwards brought his family across the mountains on pack horses to Allegheny County and settled in what is now Bridgeville, Pa. His death occurred at Thompsonville, Pa. Eight children were born to William and Elizabeth Denniston, namely: Nancy, who married a Mr. Thompson; Abigail; James; Mrs. Patterson; Mary, wife of William Gilmore; Sarah, wife of Isaac Boyce; Thomas; Samuel; Joseph. William, all deceased.

Samuel Denniston was born in 1796, at Bridgeville,

Allegheny County, Pa., and about 1838 came to Thompsonville, Washington County, where he was married to Elizabeth Caldwell, whose father was one of the pioneers of the county. In the spring of 1838 he purchased a farm in Union Township, locating on same the following year, and died here in 1879, aged 84 years. His marriage with Elizabeth Caldwell, who died in 1850, resulted in the following issue: Wiliam, who served in the Civil War in Co. I, 1st Pa. Cav.; John W., who died in infancy; Mary J.; Elizabeth, who married Frank Huston; Thomas; and Sarah, deceased. Samuel Denniston married (second) Elizabeth Applegate, of Allegheny County, Pa., and to them were born two children: James and Rachel, both now deceased.

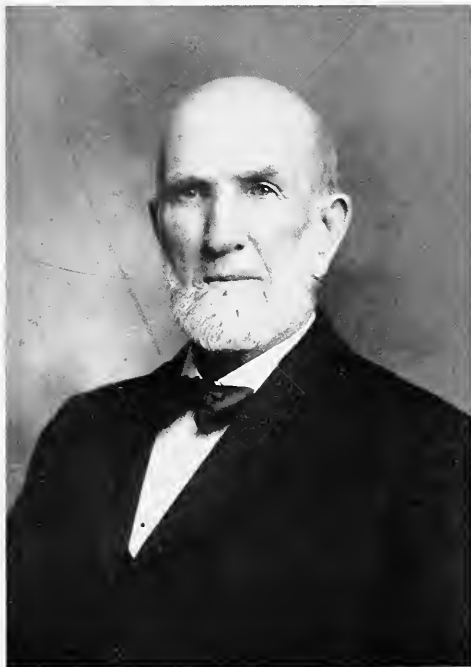
Thomas Denniston has always lived on the home farm, where for many years he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising. After the death of his father, he and his brother William, bought out the other heirs, and have operated the farm together. The land was originally granted to Capt. Gabriel Cox of the English army, who here erected an outpost for protection from the Indians, known as Cox Station. Many land grants have been signed here. Capt. Cox subsequently sold the land to Richard James, who divided it between his sons, Robert and William, the latter of whom sold his interest to the father of our subject.

On August 14, 1884, Mr. Denniston married Marian Virginia Lytle, a daughter of Isaac and Eliza J. (Gaston) Lytle, the latter of whom is still living, and they have had two children: Laurence and Helen M. Mr. Denniston is a Republican.

REV. WILLIAM D. FRIES, pastor of St. Jerome Catholic Church, at Charleroi, Pa., with which he has been identified since February 1, 1905, is one of the most honored and beloved members of the clergy in Washington County, over which he is widely known. Father Fries was born in Armstrong County, Pa., in a little village no longer standing, which had been built around the Colwell charcoal furnaces, February 22, 1870, and is a son of Matthias and Anna (Marshall) Fries.

Father Fries recalls little of those early surroundings, as his father soon afterward removed to Kittanning, Pa., where he worked at his trade of blacksmith. The youth obtained his early schooling there and having graduated from High School entered St. Vincent Seminary at Latrobe, Westmoreland County, to prepare for the priesthood, where he spent nine years. His first appointment after leaving St. Vincent was to St. Leo Catholic Church at Allegheny, where he served as assistant priest from 1897 until 1901. He was then transferred to the mining town of Smithton, in Westmoreland County, and for ten months he had charge of two churches, one at Smithton and one at West Newton. He was then transferred to





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Sugar Creek Township, Armstrong County, where also two churches claimed his spiritual care, and his ministrations were continued there until early in 1905, when he came to St. Jerome, at Charleroi. He has a large congregation here and an assistant was deemed necessary, resulting in the appointment of Rev. Thomas A. Connors, who joined Father Fries on August 1, 1909. St. Jerome is in a very flourishing condition, both as to its spiritual and temporal affairs. While Father Fries carefully and gently guides his people in their spiritual duties, he possesses also the executive ability which enables him to regulate the practical details that serve to yearly increase the advantages the church can afford them.

SAMUEL MUNNEL, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, who has long been active in all matters pertaining to the growth and prosperity of this place, for some years has been engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks and in handling builders' supplies. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 27, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (McQuiston) Munnel.

The father of Mr. Munnel was born also in South Strabane Township and lived and died on the same farm, surviving until 1881, when he was in his 86th year. His parents, the grandparents of Samuel Munnel of Canonsburg, were John and Jane (Wallace) Munnel and were among the first settlers to come to South Strabane Township. They were natives of Ireland and when they established the old homestead in South Strabane Township, their only neighbors were Indians. The McQuiston family was also an early one in this section and was brought into special prominence in pioneer times on account of the killing of Mrs. Munnel's sister, Mrs. Margaret Wigton, with her five children, by a drunken Indian, near Slippery Rock, in 1841. That was one of the not uncommon tragedies of the frontier. Mrs. Munnel died at Canonsburg, in 1892, aged 86 years.

To the parents of Mr. Munnel were born the following children: Isabella, who never married, survives at the age of 84 years; John, who died at Waynesburg; Robert, who resides with his family at Washington; Sarah Jane, who was the wife of George Taylor, lives in South Canonsburg; Samuel; Thomas, who died when aged 18 years; William, who died in childhood; Catherine, who is the widow of John Herron, resides at Washington; Mary, who is the widow of Adam Hall, lives on the South Side, Pittsburg; and Charles, who moved to Illinois after his marriage and died there.

Samuel Munnel attended the district schools of South Strabane Township and remained on the home farm until he was 17 years of age and then learned the carpenter trade and later conducted a saw-mill in South

Strabane Township for a few years, moving from there to North Strabane Township, where he continued in the same business for 25 years. After coming to Canonsburg he embarked in the ice business, which he conducted for 15 years and for 16 years also had a hardware store. For the last few years he has given his attention to the tile manufacturing industry and deals also in all kinds of builders' supplies. He is one of the older business men and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens to a degree that may be called universal.

In 1860, Mr. Munnel was married (first) to Miss Harriet L. Ringland, a daughter of William Ringland, of Amwell Township. She died in 1870, leaving one daughter, Mary. Mr. Munnel was married (second) to Miss Nannie Crawford, a daughter of Andrew Crawford, of Peters Township, Washington County, and to this union were born the following children: Martha, who married James Rittenhouse, has three children—Catherine, Frank and Ella Duff; Nannie E., who married Robert B. Johnson, has three children—Samuel R., Robert and Annie; Eva May, who married Henry Wolfe, has two children—Elizabeth and Margaret; and Samuel Duncan, who resides at home. Mr. Munnel and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. Mr. Munnel has been a lifelong Democrat.

WILFRED CAMERON, treasurer of the Washington school board and an active business citizen who has made Washington his home since 1889, was born in 1854, near New Castle, Pa. He was educated in the schools of Lawrence County and learned the plastering trade, which he followed until he came to Washington.

About 1889 Mr. Cameron embarked in the bottling business, his products being only soft drinks and these of every kind. He has a modern plant and does a large business. Since establishing himself here and investing his capital, Mr. Cameron has willingly performed every duty that good citizenship requires. He has always taken much interest in the school question and his eight years of service on the board have been of great usefulness to the city.

In 1887 Mr. Cameron was married (first) to Miss Elizabeth Kissinger, of New Castle, who died in 1899, leaving one son, John W., who is now engaged in the bottling business at Canonsburg. In 1901, Mr. Cameron was married (second) to Mrs. Anna Nicholas, formerly of Lehigh County, Pa., but at the time of her marriage residing at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have three children: Wilfred P., Marie Martha and Helen Eliza. Mr. Cameron and wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington. He is a Knight Templar Mason and an Odd Fellow.

REV. BRAINERD F. HEANY, who has been pastor of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church since May, 1906, was born in Thompsonville, Washington County, Pa., May 22, 1877, and is a son of Rev. Ezra S. and Esther (McClelland) Heany.

Rev. Ezra Heany, who was a native of Bucks County, Pa., for 30 years, was a well-known minister of the Presbyterian denomination in this part of the State. He was a graduate of Lafayette University and the Western Theological Seminary. He married Esther McClelland, and both are now deceased, being buried at the Center Presbyterian Cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Jesse W., residing in Pittsburg; John M., cashier of the Bank of Bridgeville; Norman C., a business man of Pittsburg; Bainerd F.; and Frank M., a New York business man.

Brainerd F. Heany attended the district schools of Allegheny County, and was graduated from Jefferson Academy, Canonsburg, in the Class of 1896; from Washington and Jefferson College in the Class of 1903; and from the Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburg in 1906, since May of which year he has been pastor of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church at Independence. His congregation is composed of many of the old families of this section.

On November 13, 1906, Rev. Heany was married to Margaret C. Thomson, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (McKellar) Thomson, who came from Scotland to the United States in 1892 and located in Pittsburg. To this union there has been born one son, Paul Alexander, October 29, 1908.

H. B. CARROLL, vice president of the West Alexander National Bank, at West Alexander, Pa., and a substantial and leading citizen, was born in what is now known as East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., October 8, 1845, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Danley) Carroll.

The father of Mr. Carroll was also born in East Finley Township and was a son of James Carroll. The Carroll family records show that it is of Scotch extraction and that it settled in East Finley Township before the Indians had left these parts.

H. B. Carroll was ten years old when his parents moved from East Finley to West Finley Township, and in the latter section he grew to manhood and for many years followed an agricultural life there. In 1906 he came to West Alexander, where he has resided ever since. He has been a director in the West Alexander National Bank ever since its organization and since 1906 has been vice president of this institution. He is interested in other business enterprises, being a member of the firm of Lewis and Carroll, whose large dealings in real estate have marked them as successful and progressive as well

as honest men. In politics, Mr. Carroll is a Republican and while residing in the country he served in various township offices.

Mr. Carroll married Miss Ida M. Underwood, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, but was practically reared in West Finley Township. Her father was the late Clark M. Underwood, of Monongahela City. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have had seven children, namely: Charles E., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry at Knoxville, Pa.; Jeanette, who is the wife of Ralph Rooney, of West Alexander; Harriet R., who is the popular assistant cashier of the West Alexander National Bank; Grace, who is a successful teacher at West Alexander; Beatrice, who lives at home; Stanley, who is now deceased; and Blaine B., who lives at McKees Rocks, Pa. Mr. Carroll and family attend the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM A. LA ROSS, M. D., who enjoys a large and substantial practice at McDonald, Pa., has been located in this borough ever since he entered upon the practice of medicine, in 1891. He was born in Lehigh County, Pa., and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hess) La Ross.

The father of Dr. La Ross died at Allentown, Pa., in February, 1908, aged eighty-three years. The mother survives and still resides there. In the immediate vicinity of Allentown live the following brothers and sisters of Dr. La Ross: Mrs. Tilghman Yeager, Milton H. K. La Ross, Charles W. La Ross, Mrs. Robert R. Ritter, Mrs. M. H. Koch and Mrs. Wallace H. Marsteller. Two brothers—Dr. Henry M. and Richard L. La Ross—died at the ages of thirty-four and eighteen respectively.

Dr. La Ross attended the public schools at Allentown and then entered Muhlenberg College, but left that institution in his freshman year in order to enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1891, and immediately located at McDonald. For four years he was in partnership with Dr. G. H. Cook, but since then has been alone. He is identified with the leading medical organizations of the county and State and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens and brother practitioners.

On September 18, 1895, Dr. La Ross was married to Miss Rosina E. Moorhead, a daughter of William B. and Margaret (Johnston) Moorhead. They have had four children: Margaret, Rosina, William and Miriam, the latter of whom died at the age of three years. Dr. and Mrs. La Ross are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In his political affiliation he is a staunch Democrat.

J. B. McMURRAY, M. D., specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, is one of Washington's leading men of science; he has been located in this city

since the spring of 1904, and during the past five years has built up an extensive practice. He was born in Independence Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1878, and is a son of the late William B. McMurray.

William B. McMurray was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1846 and died in 1881. He was a son of John McMurray, who was born at West Alexander, Washington County, and whose father was John Samuel McMurray. The last mentioned was a native of Scotland, who in the year 1800, came to America with his brother Peter, settling in Pennsylvania. The brother located in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and the descendants of both are now numerous and are distributed over the entire Union.

The paternal grandmother of Dr. McMurray (wife of John McMurray) was a daughter of James Boyd, a notable pioneer of Washington County, who in 1881 died at his home in Independence, this county, at the venerable age of ninety-nine years, and whose career is well worth a somewhat extended mention here as illustrative of the conditions which prevailed in the days of the early settlement of this region. To do this adequately, we shall have to go back a little farther—to the year 1764, at which time there stood in the woods of Cumberland County, Pa., not far from the site of the present town of Shippensburg, two rude cabins, which were the homes of two pioneers, and which were about a mile apart. One of these was that of John Boyd (grandfather of James), and the other that of John Stewart. On the 10th day of February, 1764, when John Boyd was at the house of his neighbor Stewart, a band of marauding Indians burned this house. John Boyd hurried home to give the alarm, well knowing the danger to his own house and home, when he discovered his cabin in ashes, and his wife and three children—two boys and a girl—had been carried away by the Indians.

It seems that two Indians has straggled from the band that burned Stewart's house, and had surprised and captured David and his young brother while they were gathering bark at some distance from the house. They then entered the cabin and took what they wanted, took prisoners the mother and daughter, set fire to the house and destroyed it. The mother not being able to travel, the savages took her into the woods a short distance from her home and murdered her. David was only about six years of age when he witnessed this tragedy, and he was compelled to carry the scalp of his murdered mother with him—a circumstance which he never afterwards could forget.

After the massacre of Mrs. Boyd the Indians separated, one squad taking with them David and the others his brother and sister, after which he never saw them again.

On arriving at the Indian camp he had to undergo

the usual ordeal of "running the gantlet," which consisted of running a certain distance between two files of Indians, including women and boys, each of whom tried to hit him as he went by, with a club or other weapon, and this he had to do for some time every morning. Noticing that one of the Indian boys seemed especially desirous of inflicting punishment upon him, he determined to resent his savage attacks and accordingly the next time he was called on to run the gantlet, he carefully noted his enemy, and on reaching him gave him a blow that sent him staggering. This pleased the chiefs and many of the older braves, and the former, declaring that he would make a good Indian, relieved him from submitting to the ordeal any further. Henceforth he became a favorite with the band. He was adopted by one of the chiefs as his son and also, with the usual ceremonies, as a member of the tribe, and remained with the Indians subsequently for three years and six months, during that time suffering many hardships and meeting with various adventures. About this time, as the result of Bouquet's expedition, there was a general delivery of white prisoners to their friends by the Indians, and the old chief who had adopted David, being now well advanced in years and expecting soon to be called to the "Happy Hunting Grounds," finally determined to take the lad back to Cumberland County and deliver him to his relatives, if they could be found. He accordingly carried out this intention, though David, who had become much attached to him, wept bitterly at being obliged to part with his protector.

He resided in the neighborhood of his former home for about 18 years, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and also married and became the head of a family. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Silver Spring, in Cumberland County, under the ministrations of Rev. William Waugh.

About the year 1786 he removed with his family to Washington County, and purchased a farm some three miles east of West Middletown, on the Washington road, and became a pioneer settler of this western country and one of the organizers of the Presbyterian Church at Upper Buffalo. His ashes lie in the beautiful cemetery at that place near those of his beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. Anderson.

In the spring of 1782, near the spot where 18 years before the Boyd cabin was destroyed, there was born into the family of David Boyd, a son James, who, when four or five years of age, removed with his father to Washington County. In 1796 he became a resident of Wellsburg and subsequently was intimate with the business men of that place and of Brooke County generally. In the early days of flatboating on the Ohio River, he was one of those who, loading their boats at the landing here, would float them down to New Orleans, and return on foot through

what was known as "The Wilderness." He was also, before the days of macadamized roads, engaged in wagoning to and from Philadelphia.

About the year 1800 he purchased a small farm in what was then Hopewell Township (now Independence Township) and in 1805 bought from Robert Wells the farm on which he long afterwards resided and which he still owned at the time of his decease. He was from his early years a member, and for many years a ruling elder, of the Presbyterian Church at Lower Buffalo, of which he was also a strong supporter. He attained the great age of ninety-nine years, dying in 1881. His declining years and their accompanying frailties, were soothed and made more endurable by the kindly ministrations of his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Reed, whom he held in great respect. He was also the recipient of many kind attentions from his friends and neighbors. His funeral services, conducted by Rev. David Hervey—himself eighty years of age—were largely attended, the procession being over a mile in length—and thus was severed one more notable link in the living chain uniting a recent generation with those of pioneer days.

The direct subject of this sketch, J. B. McMurray, was educated in the public schools of Washington County, and in the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio. He subsequently matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, where he was graduated in 1901. For three years he was engaged in general practice at Houstonville, and during that time was physician and surgeon for the Midland and Pittsburg Coal Company. He later took a course at the Polyclinic Post-Graduate School and Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, after which he located in Washington, Pa., where he has since confined his practice to diseases of the ear, eye, nose and throat.

Dr. McMurray was married first to Miss Bird V. Hanna, who was a daughter of J. G. Hanna, of Independence, Washington County, Pa. She died leaving a son, Boyd Hanna. Subsequently Dr. McMurray married for his second wife, Miss Minnie Scheu, of Washington, Pa., and of this union there is one son, John Scheu. The family are members of the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington. Dr. McMurray is a Knight Templar Mason, and is also a member of the Bassett Club of Washington.

LUTHER MARTIN MORGAN, a leading agriculturist of Mt. Pleasant Township, now serving in the office of road-master, was born on the farm on which he lives, which contains 179 acres and lies two and one-half miles east of Hickory, Pa., September 18, 1853. His parents were Robert M. and Mary (Martin) Morgan.

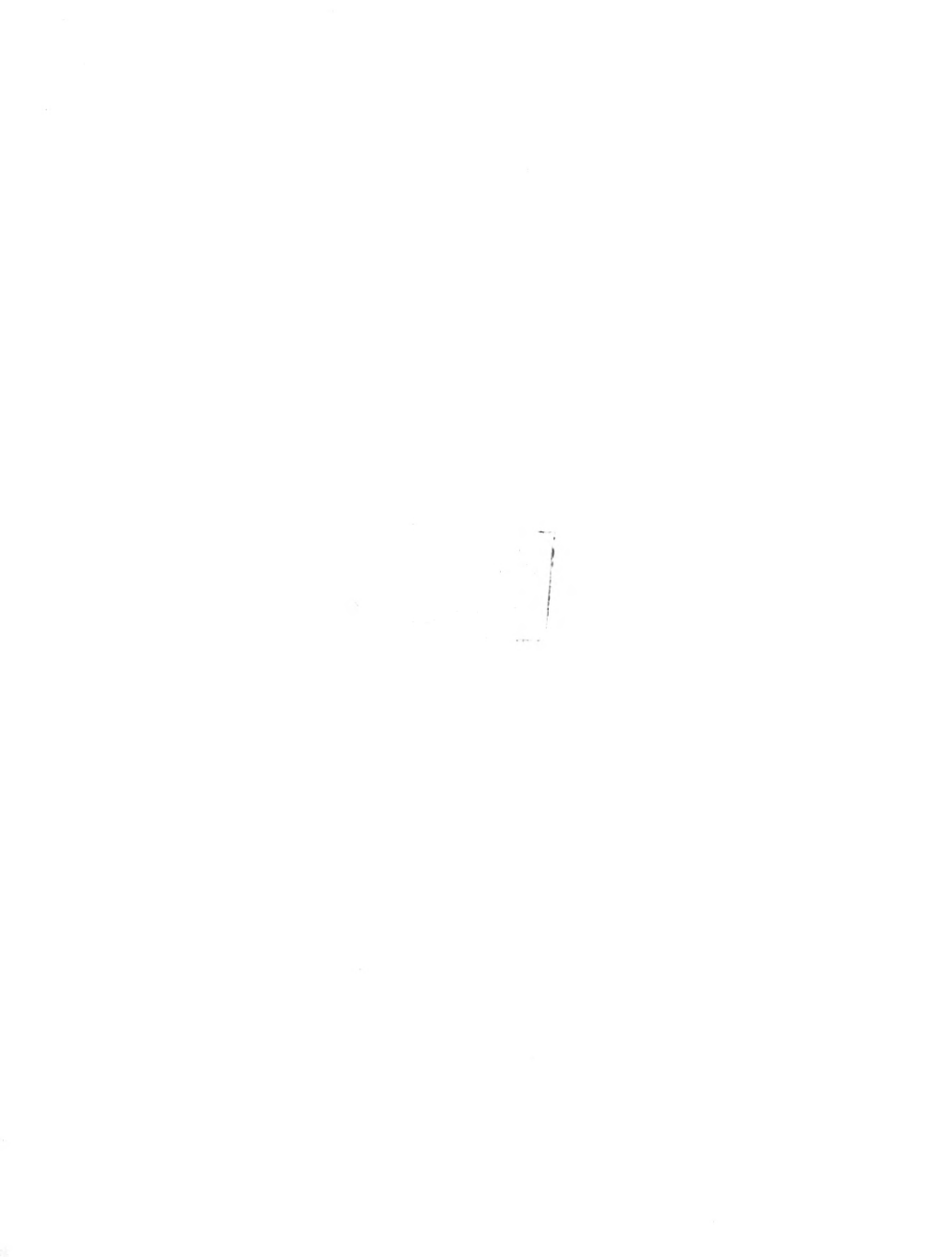
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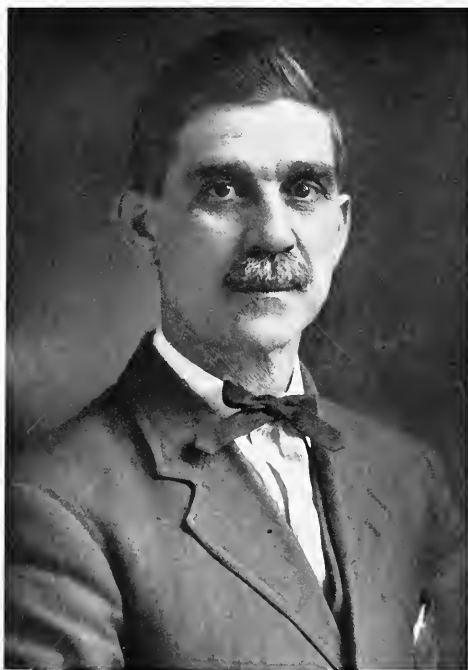
Washington and Hickory Road, about four miles from Washington, Pa., in 1818, and died at Canonsburg, in 1891, where he had lived retired for ten years. After he married he bought a small farm on the eastern line of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, but subsequently sold that and purchased the farm his son, Luther Martin, now owns, a property which has interesting historic associations, it having once belonged to George and Martha Washington. Robert M. Morgan improved the property and converted it into an inviting homestead, rearing here his family of six children in great comfort and during many years performing every duty devolving upon him as a leading and substantial citizen of his community. He was a Democrat in his political opinions. At different times he served as school director and also as township supervisor. After retiring to Canonsburg his life was a quiet one but he had many friends among the older residents. He married Mary Martin, a daughter of Samuel Martin, of Chartiers Township. Her death occurred in 1889 and both were interred in the Miller's Run Cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church at that point, he being an elder in the same. They had the following children: Nancy Jane, who resides at Canonsburg; Anna M., who married John Cockins, of Canonsburg; Ellen and Emmeline, both of whom are now deceased; Luther Martin and Sarah, twins, the latter of whom married R. D. Hamilton, of Chartiers Township; and twin children who died in infancy.

Luther M. Morgan was educated in the schools of Mt. Pleasant Township and Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg, after which he returned to the home farm and has continued to reside here ever since. For a number of years after marriage he found little necessity to do much improving, his father having built a substantial brick house in 1853, making the brick for the same on his own land. In 1903, however, Mr. Morgan tore down the old house and in its place erected a modern frame residence in which many comforts and conveniences were installed, and also built a new barn and out buildings made necessary by his increased farm industries. He is a successful grower of sheep and keeps about 150 over winter. Mr. Morgan is a director in the Houston Bank and a stockholder in the First National Banks of Washington and Canonsburg.

In November, 1880, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Minerva Shelly, a daughter of David Shelly, of Jefferson County, Ohio, and they have had nine children born to them, as follows: Maude, Leroy, Blanche, Mary, Jane, Robert, Howard L., and two who died in infancy. Mr. Morgan and family belong to the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. He is identified with the Democratic party. His fellow citizens hold him in esteem and in







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public matters frequently consult him. He is a member of the township school board and also fills the office of road supervisor, as mentioned above.

CHRISTOPHER FRITCHMAN, who is president of the Finleyville Planing Mill Company and president of the Finleyville Floral Company, is also extensively engaged in the production of coal, gas and oil, and has been prominently identified with various other enterprises of this locality. He was born February 26, 1850, on a farm in Sewickley Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., a son of David and Rosanna (Weaver) Fritchman.

The Fritchman family was founded in this country by John Fritchman, who spelled his name Fritzman, who, with his two brothers, Adam and Michael, came here from Germany, where they were born and reared, and located in Westmoreland County, Pa. Adam and Michael Fritzman were millers and distillers, and they became the owners of a large tract of land in Westmoreland County, and laid out a private cemetery at Sistersville, Pa., where the three brothers were subsequently buried. John Fritzman, grandfather of our subject, located at Pittsburg, where during the remainder of his life he ran a hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1845. He also operated a lime kiln and burned all the lime used in constructing the western Pennsylvania Penitentiary. He was first united in marriage with Barbara Walthour, a native of Germany, and to them were born six children, namely: John David; Michael; Christopher; Polly, who married Mr. Riddle; Eliza, who was the wife of Mr. Wentling, all of whom lived to an advanced age with the exception of Christopher, who died in early manhood. After the death of Mrs. Fritchman, who was buried at Turtle Creek, John married a Mrs. Gephart, a widow, who outlived him many years.

David Fritchman, father of our subject, was born in 1797 in Pittsburg, where he was reared, but later located on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pa., which he inherited from his uncles. Here he followed farming all his life and died here in 1869, and in 1872 the old farm was sold by his heirs to the Western Pennsylvania Coal Company at \$535 an acre, the proceeds from same being used by the heirs in purchasing the old Campbell farm at Finleyville from E. VanVoorhis. David Fritchman married Rosanna Weaver, who was born in Cumberland County, Pa., and died in Washington County, Pa., in 1888, and of their union were born nine children: Irvin W., who died and was buried at Andersonville Prison, Ga., where he was held a prisoner of war for thirteen months, first enlisted in 1861 in the 14th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served as quartermaster under Gen. Patterson in the first Battle of Bull Run, and re-enlisted in Co. H, 18th Pa. Cav., was made sergeant and taken prisoner July 5, after the battle of Gettysburg; William P., who is a resident of

West Newton, Pa., is a veteran of the Civil War. He served with Co. E, 105th Pa. Vol. Inf., was taken prisoner at the battle of Fair Oaks, and confined at Libby Prison, Belle Isle and Salisbury, where he was paroled; Francis Marion, now a resident of Denver, Col., served a full term in the Civil War, a member of the 155th Pa. Vol. Inf.; Jane, who died at the age of sixteen years; Almira, who is a resident of Finleyville, Pa.; Oliver, who resides in Jefferson County, Pa.; Isabelle, who is the wife of John Boyd, of Finleyville; Christopher, and Lucretia, who is the wife of Nelson Boyd, postmaster of Finleyville.

Christopher Fritchman was reared on the farm in Sewickley Township, Westmoreland County, attended the township schools and Mt. Union College, Ohio, and at the age of sixteen went to Missouri, where he worked in a sawmill for his brother and cousin. The following year, after the death of his father, he returned to the farm for a time, then went to Virginia, where he followed bridge building for a time, after which he spent one year working on the McConnellsville railroad. He then entered Mt. Union College, where he attended three years, when he was obliged to abandon his studies on account of ill health, and entered into active business for himself along several different lines, and in 1875 located on his present farm of 190 acres at Finleyville, but continued to carry on his business in Fayette County, until about 1885, after which he made Finleyville his permanent home and opened the Germania Coal Mines on his farm, operating same in partnership with Henry Florsheim and Jacob Lagler. In 1895 he sold the mines to Henry Florsheim and opened the Rowgalley Mine at Finleyville, which he operated until 1898, then disposed of it to the Pittsburg Coal Company and has since been identified with the Finleyville Planing Mill Company, of which he is president. Mr. Fritchman is a stockholder and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Finleyville, and served as the first vice-president of that concern. In 1906 the Finleyville Floral Company was established with Christopher Fritchman, president; A. T. Lynn, secretary and treasurer; E. W. Garland, manager. Mr. Fritchman is also extensively engaged in the production of coal, gas and oil, and owns considerable real estate at Finleyville, including a number of dwellings, and the tract of ninety acres on which he makes his home. He is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Washington County, and has traveled extensively over the United States and Canada. In politics he takes an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order of Greensburg, Pa.

WILLIAM H. SIPE, ex-coroner of Washington County, Pa., who served two terms in that office,

for many years prior to its acceptance, was identified with newspaper work. He was born in Washington County, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1856, and is a son of Benjamin and Deborah (Miller) Sipe. Benjamin Sipe was a prominent lawyer in Ohio for many years and died there in 1868.

William H. Sipe was educated at Cambridge, Belmont County, Ohio, and then learned the printing trade and was more or less connected with journalism until he was elected to the office of coroner in 1902. He became a permanent resident of Washington County in 1883 and in 1886 he located at Canonsburg, where he still resides, and there founded the Local. As an editorial writer he is favorably known throughout the county.

Mr. Sipe was married to Miss Mollie Strong, who is a daughter of Samuel Strong, and they have a family of four children, namely: Virginia Dare, Earl Harrison, Alda May and Mary Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Sipe are members of the Baptist Church. He is identified fraternally with the order of Modern Woodmen and the Eagles.

DEMPSEY D. HAINES, M.D., a well known physician and surgeon of Allenport, Pa., was born February 15, 1865, in Kirby, Greene County, Pa., and is a son of Cyrenius and Mary Ann (Pride) Haines, who were farmers of Greene County, Pa.

Dr. Dempsey D. Haines spent his youth on the home farm, attended the local schools of the township, and after spending one term at the Normal School at Waynesburg, Pa., taught five years in the schools of Marion County, W. Va., after which he returned to Greene County, Pa., where he taught for three years more. In 1899 he entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in June, 1903. Dr. Ira D. Knotts, of Davistown, Greene Co., Pa., was his preceptor. That same year, during the small pox epidemic, he worked for the city of Pittsburg, and since January, 1904, has been located at Allenport, Pa., where he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Haines was united in marriage with Similda Headley, a daughter of David and Lucretia (Renner) Headley, and to them have been born two children: D. Clyde, who is a student at Waynesburg College; and Ethel B. Dr. Haines is a member of the County, State and American Medical societies, and is a member of the Allen Township school board.

JAMES KENT, who, for thirty years has been identified with electric railroads, has been a resident of Washington, Pa., for thirteen years and holds the responsible position of division superintendent of the Washington

and Canonsburg Railroad. He was born in County Durham, England, in 1860, and came to America in 1884.

For two years after reaching the United States, Mr. Kent resided at Pittsburg where he was in the street railway business, and went from there to New York for two more years and from that metropolis to Peoria, Ill., in which railroad center he remained about seven years, coming from there to Washington. He took the position of superintendent of the Washington electric street railway line and after the completion of the Washington and Canonsburg line became superintendent of the division of this road which includes the territory as far as Washington Junction. He is thoroughly qualified, having devoted almost his entire business life to the study and operation of electric roads.

Mr. Kent was married in England, to Miss Mary Cummins and they have two children, Ethel and Anna. Mr. Kent and family are members of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN T. SCOTT, general farmer and representative citizen of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., where his valuable farm of sixty-one acres is located, was born in Ireland, May 12, 1846, and is a son of James and Jane (Elliott) Scott.

The parents of Mr. Scott were also born in Ireland and were married there. The father came to America in 1848 and located near Hickory, in Washington County, and in the following year was joined by his wife and children. In 1867 he bought the farm now owned by his son, John T. It was a part of what was known as the Guthrie tract and it had the present farm buildings standing at that time. The Scott family has owned this land ever since, John T. Scott purchasing it after the death of his father, which occurred January 23, 1891. The mother of Mr. Scott died October 28, 1895. They were members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, and their burial was in the cemetery adjoining. They had five children: William E., Matilda J., James S., John T., and Robert H.

John T. Scott attended the public schools in Mt. Pleasant and Cross Creek Townships in his youth and lived at home until his marriage, in the meanwhile having learned the trade of house painting. Since purchasing the farm he has devoted himself to its cultivation and keeps eight cows for dairy purposes. Formerly he raised sheep but some years since discontinued that industry. He has never done any gas producing although tests have shown that it exists on his property and he has never sold any possible coal deposits. He has taken a hearty interest in politics in his township as becomes an intelligent citizen, votes with the Democratic party and has served acceptably as township auditor. In 1908 he was his party's candidate for register of wills. In 1904, Mr. Scott was chosen a delegate to the State convention at

Harrisburg, receiving the highest vote cast for any delegate in the county. He is one of the best known citizens of this neighborhood, having lived here ever since his father purchased this farm, with the exception of seven years following his marriage, when he worked at his trade of house painting at McDonald.

Mr. Scott was married September 24, 1884, to Miss Nancy Ann Crummy, a daughter of H. B. and Mary Elizabeth (Hazelett) Crummy. They have six children, namely: John H., Charles E., Anna Mary, William S., Harold L. and an infant girl awaiting a name. Mr. Scott is a member of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. Scott is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

WILLIAM FRANCIS WILLIAMS, who is engaged in general farming and dairying on a farm of 100 acres, is one of the leading citizens of Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa., and was born February 9, 1871, on his present farm, a son of John W. and Eliza D. (Nelson) Williams.

John W. Williams was born and reared in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., and was a son of Francis H. and Rosanna (Jones) Williams, the former a native of Union Township, this county. He made farming his life occupation and after his marriage with Eliza D. Nelson, whose father, Francis Nelson, was one of the early settlers of the county, he came to Carroll Township and settled on the farm now owned by our subject, and here engaged in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death. John and Eliza Williams were the parents of the following children: William F., Rose, Adda, who died aged five years; Charles W., and J. Ellis.

William Francis Williams, familiarly known to his friends as Frank, grew to manhood on his present farm, is one of the substantial and enterprising young farmers of Carroll Township, and is also extensively engaged in dairying in connection with his farming. His farm, consisting of 100 acres, is located on the Carroll and Fallowfield township roads, lying partly in each township, and was given to him by his father, who gave to each of his three sons a tract of land.

Mr. Williams was married September 3, 1896, to Mary E. Jones, who is a daughter of David F. Jones, of Fallowfield Township, and of their union have been born three daughters: Clara, Bessie and Elsie. Mr. Williams is a man of public spirit and enterprise, one who takes an active interest in the affairs of the community in which he lives, and is identified with the Republican party in politics.

JOSEPH HUPP, deceased, was a worthy representative of one of the oldest and leading families of Donegal

Township, Washington County, Pa. He was born in Donegal Township, November 19, 1817, and his parents were John and Ann (Cox) Hupp, and his grandparents were John and Ann (Rowe) Hupp. John Hupp's family came from Holland, near Dortrecht, to Maryland, where they first settled, afterwards coming to Dutch Fork. He was born in 1747; died on Easter Sunday morning, 1782, killed by the Indians.

The first John Hupp, grandfather of Joseph Hupp, was the founder of the family in Washington County, and he came from Maryland, on a pack-horse, penetrating into what was then a dangerous wilderness. He was a squatter on the land which his descendants now own, building a small cabin under an apple tree which still stands. While living there he shot enough deer to make twenty patterns of buckskins and with them went eight miles to West Liberty. There he traded the skins to Michael Cox for 1,500 acres of land on a part of which he had previously squatted and erected his cabin. This was a part of 2,200 acres acquired by Mr. Cox by "tomahawk right." Mr. Hupp then penetrated the dense forests to Harrisburg, carrying his money in his saddlebags, and at that point received the patent to his land. This instrument was of parchment, written with walnut ink and a goose quill pen, and states the amount of money paid for the patent, in the various coins of different nations. This is in possession of the widow of the late Joseph Hupp, at the present time. On this place John Hupp lived with his wife and the three children then living, amid the hardships of pioneer conditions, successfully combating the dangers which lurked about until the spring of 1782. On the Saturday afternoon preceding Easter Sunday of that year, a white man, riding a foam-flecked and exhausted horse, came notifying settlers that Indians were coming from the Ohio River to kill all the whites on Dutch Fork. John Hupp took his wife, two daughters and son, the last named being the youngest and about two and a half years old, through the dense woods, which lay between his place and the block-house, known as Fort Miller, located on the Philip Miller farm adjoining his own. After their arrival they heard firing of guns and assuming Indians were attacking Rice's Fort, the next block-house below them, the men departed to help the lower fort, leaving none but the women and children, one very aged man and a lad in his teens. The firing by the Indians was but a decoy, for after the departure of the men, the Reds, numbering about seventy, made an attack on Fort Miller. The aged man sat down and cried, "We are all going to be killed." It was then that the wonderful presence of mind and heroic qualities of Mrs. Hupp asserted themselves. She said: "Quit your crying and go to loading guns." He loaded the guns while Mrs. Hupp would shoot first from one side of the block-house, then from the

other, with the idea of deceiving the enemy as to the number of defenders. In the meantime she told the lad to run to the lower fort and notify the men to return. The door was unbarriaded and opened sufficiently to let the boy rush through. He vaulted the fence and headed toward the other fort. The Indians were secreted, but at sight of him made their appearance and bombarded him with their missiles of war and shot. Seeing it was useless to go ahead, he turned toward the block-house again. One Indian pursued him closely and struck at him as he went over the fence, the tomahawk sinking into the rail as his hand left it. The boy's arm was broken by a bullet but otherwise he was unhurt. The men had heard the shooting and quickly returned, but not an Indian was seen again that day. The following morning, Easter Sunday, Mr. Hupp and Philip Miller went out to look for their stock, as no Indian was in sight. They went some 300 yards north, and not seeing their stock, stooped down at the spring to get a drink. While thus engaged, Mr. Miller having had his drink and Mr. Hupp being down with his body resting on his hands as he drank, they were fired upon. Mr. Miller fell in his tracks, and John Hupp as he raised up was shot downward in the breast. He ran about seventy yards toward the fort, before he fell dead. Thus these two pioneers, who had known, loved and respected each other as neighbors and friends, met an untimely end together. It is worthy of remark that their descendants, the present generation being their great-grandchildren, have lived neighbors ever since in the same amicable relationship. One of the treasured heirlooms of the family is a cane with a deer-horn head which was given to John Hupp by Philip Miller, and which bears the initials "J. H." and "P. M." The son of this martyr, also named John Hupp, who was in the block-house and but two and a half years old at the time, as soon as he became old enough, carried on his shoulder a slab of stone from the creek to his father's grave. This unostentatious monument, there being no better obtainable west of Philadelphia in that day, bears an inscription hardly discernable at the present, probably the letters "J. H." He is buried at the Miller fort, now owned by Clinton Miller.

John and Ann (Rowe) Hupp were parents of four children, the youngest of whom was born three months after her father's death. They were: Mary (Smith); Margaret (Titus); John, father of the subject of this record, and Elizabeth (Rodgers).

John Hupp, the only son of John and Ann (Rowe) Hupp, was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., July 27, 1780. The untimely death of his father made a deep impression on his mind and he had the fixed determination to do all he could to exterminate the red race. The departure of the Indians from this region prevented his carrying out any part of his designs and he

turned his attention to hunting and trapping. He acquired the reputation of being the most skilled marksman in this entire country, and the old flint lock which he carried is now owned by Dr. Frank Hupp, an eminent physician of Wheeling. His bear trap which he used, and with which he captured the last wolf in this county, remains in possession of the family and is at the old home place. In the division of property under the old English law which then prevailed here, he received more than 600 acres of his father's place, while each of the girls received 300 acres. He was married January 19, 1813, to Ann Cox, who was a daughter of Michael Cox, who, it was said, was a son of a German of noble birth, who lived on the River Rhine in Germany. Her father was the first owner of what is the Hupp farm, and after her marriage, Michael Cox came to the place and beveled the logs for the story and a half house which was built. His father was Isaac Cox, born 1724, died 1791. The room of this house forms the living room of the present Hupp home, and the basement under it remains as the dining room. John Hupp, Jr., died March 12, 1864, and was survived by his wife until November 26, 1875. They had four children: Isaac; Joseph, subject of this record; Louisa, wife of John Clemens, of Taylorstown; and Dr. John Cox Hupp, who attained distinction in the medical profession and resided at Wheeling.

Joseph Hupp attended the subscription schools in Donegal Township, in his boyhood, but as the farm was very large, he began to assist his father take care of the land and live stock when quite young. He became one of the great sheep growers of the county, frequently having from 800 to 1,500 on the farm at one time. He took interest and pride in caring for his possessions and was one of the earliest farmers in this section to recognize the value of what became the grange movement, and identified himself with the Patrons of Husbandry. He was a man of practical ideas and reared his family in a sensible way, affording them, however, the educational advantages he never had in his own youth. In his political views he was a Republican, but he was too busy to hamper himself with the cares of public office. He was a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During life he was respected, esteemed and beloved and when he passed away he left behind widow, children and friends who honor his memory.

On October 24, 1871, Joseph Hupp was married to Miss Martha L. Hauen, who was born in Harrison County, Ind., March 7, 1848. She is a granddaughter of James and Sarah (Matthews) Hauen. James and Sarah (Matthews) Hauen were two of the first seven baptized in the Christian Church of America. The mother of Mrs. James Hauen was Mary McCoy, whose mother's name was Annie Stuart, who was a sister of Charles Stuart, Charles the Second of England. The grandfather of Mrs. Hupp was

born in County Donegal, Ireland, but he had settled in Hickory, Washington County, Pa., before the birth of his son, Alexander Hanen, father of Mrs. Hupp. Alexander Hanen married Nancy L. Tabler, who was born in Indiana and they lived there until 1871, and then moved to Donegal Township, where Mrs. Hupp has resided ever since.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hupp six children were born, namely: John H., who lives near West Alexander, Pa., who married Alice Campbell, of Bethlehem, and has a daughter, Sarah Josephine; Annie L., who is now deceased; Arminda L., who resides with her mother, who is an accomplished and educated lady, being a graduate of the Washington, Pa., Business College and also the Wheeling Business College at Wheeling, W. Va.; Josephine A., who is now deceased; Joseph C. R., residing on the home farm in Donegal Township, who is a graduate of the Washington Business College; and Gilbert Garvin, who resides on a part of the home farm in Donegal Township. He married Bessie V. Munnell and they have one son, Garvin Munnell Hupp.

Mrs. Hupp and all her children are members of the Dutch Fork Christian Church in Donegal Township, this church being the third oldest in the Brotherhood. The bibles of John Hupp, Sr., John Hupp, Jr., and of Joseph Hupp are highly prized possessions of the family.

The great farm is well managed by Mrs. Hupp and her sons, a large part of it is cultivated and the remainder is devoted to fruit growing and to the raising of stock, sheep raising being still an important feature as in the husband's and father's time, about 600 head now being kept. The Hupp heirs, with the exception of John, all live on this place and enjoy to the fullest extent its many comforts and advantages. No family in Donegal Township stands higher in public regard.

JAMES H. CORWIN, M.D., one of Washington's skilled physicians and esteemed citizens, who has been established in this city for the past six years, was born in September, 1878, in Greene County, Pa. He was reared and obtained a preliminary education in the schools of Greene County, which was supplemented by a course at Waynesburg College and Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated with the class of 1903. During the fall of 1903, Dr. Corwin came to Washington, where he has since been established. He has continually grown in the confidence and esteem of the public, and has gained an enviable reputation as a skilled and successful physician. He is a member of the County and State Medical societies, the Post Graduate Society of Washington, and is a member of the surgical staff of the City Hospital of Washington. Dr. Corwin takes an active interest in local politics, and is identified with the Democratic party, and was one of the delegates to the

last Democratic State Convention. He is a member of and physician to the board of health of Washington. In religious circles he is affiliated with the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and is socially a member of the Basquet Club.

In 1904, Dr. Corwin was united in marriage with Anna Williamson, who was a teacher in the Washington schools, and of their union have been born two sons, John C., and J. Douglas.

JOHN R. SLEETH, a representative farmer and highly respected citizen of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., owns eighty acres of fine land, all but five of which is under cultivation. He was born in Crawford County, Ill., January 23, 1856, and is a son of John and Rachel (Sleeth) Sleeth.

John Sleeth, father of John R., was born in Ireland and was a son of Thomas and Margaret (Stevens) Sleeth, whom he accompanied to America when he was a young man. Thomas Sleeth lived in Illinois for several years before coming to Washington County, Pa., when he located in Robeson Township and later moved to a farm in Smith Township, near Bulger, and from there to Mt. Pleasant Township, where he died in his ninety-second year and was buried in the Hickory Cemetery of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. John Sleeth married Rachel Sleeth, and they had the following children: Thomas A.; Robert, deceased; John R.; Margaret; Jennie M.; Annie E., deceased; Mary, and Rachel Agnes. After marriage, John Sleeth and wife settled at Bulger, in Smith Township, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for a number of years, after which he removed to Crawford County, Ill., and during the two years' stay there, his son, John R., was born. He then came back to Bulger and continued to work at his trade until 1873, when he bought the farm his son now owns, in Mt. Pleasant Township. He lived on the farm until the end of his life, working also at his trade as long as able to do so. His death occurred in February, 1893, and his burial was in the Hickory Cemetery. His widow survived until 1904, and she was laid to rest by his side. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat. His children remember his cheery disposition and how his presence in the home always brightened it.

John R. Sleeth obtained his education in the Smith Township schools. He learned his father's trade and during the winter seasons assisted him in the shop, while he devoted his summers to farm work. Until recently, when he found his health not so good as formerly, Mr. Sleeth has been very active and a man full of business, but at present he is taking things more easily and enjoying a season of needed rest. He takes no very active interest in public matters but casts his vote with the Democratic

party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory.

H. M. LACOCK, M. D., physician and surgeon, who is engaged in practice at West Finley, or Burnsville, where he is valued both in his professional capacity and also as a citizen, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., January 31, 1875. His parents are Dr. Samuel A. and Flora (Slusher) Lacock, the former of whom now resides at Canonsburg.

H. M. Lacock attended school at Point Lookout, in South Franklin Township, and later became a student in the Canonsburg high school, from which he was creditably graduated, and then entered college at Meadville, Pa. His health gave out, however, and he was obliged to re-upon the study of medicine and spent four years in the turn home for a season. After recovering he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated at the end of that period, with his degree of M. D. After taking the State health board examination, in August, 1902, he settled at West Finley. He keeps in close touch with medical science all over the world by being identified with the leading medical organizations, including the Washington County, the Pennsylvania State and the American Medical societies. In addition to his general practice, Dr. Lacock is examiner for several old line insurance companies and several fraternal bodies.

On April 14, 1904, Dr. Lacock was married to Miss Maude W. Steele, a daughter of A. J. and Mary Steele, of West Finley, and they have one daughter, Helen. Dr. and Mrs. Lacock are active members of the Windy Gap Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Lacock being superintendent of the Sunday school. In a general sense, Dr. Lacock is a Democrat and at present is secretary of the Washington County School Directors' Association, but in all local matters, where national issues are not involved, he votes independently. He is interested in educational work and is serving as secretary of West Finley Township's school board. He is identified with the Odd Fellows at West Alexander.

THOMAS R. McMILLAN, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old Lutton farm in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in 1861 in North Strabane Township, a son of Thomas and Ann (Lutton) McMillan, and a great-grandson of Dr. John McMillan.

Thomas McMillan, Sr., who was a lifelong resident of North Strabane Township, was a wagon-maker by occupation, and married Anna Lutton, of North Strabane Township. He resided near Hill Church until his death in 1867 at the age of 62 years. During the Civil War he enlisted in the famous Buck Tail regiment and drilled with the regiment three months, but was re-

fused by the enlisting officers at Scranton, Pa., on account of disability. He was later made recruiting officer for Washington County, and while in the discharge of his duties, he was shot from ambush one night and wounded in the right arm. He was the father of six children, three of whom are still living: Robert, who is foreman for a Brownsville Boat Building Company; Lenora, who is the wife of William Fulton of Cambridge, Ohio; and Thomas R., the subject of this sketch.

Thomas R. McMillan grew up on the farm and was educated in the old Canonsburg Academy, now the Jefferson Academy. He was employed in the United States Reserve service for four years as storekeeper and gauger, from 1892 until 1895, since which time he has been engaged in farming the old Lutton farm in North Strabane Township. He enlisted as a private in Co. H, 10th Pa. Vol., in the Spanish-American War, and was promoted to the rank of corporal, receiving his discharge after 18 months service in the Philippines. Mr. McMillan is a Republican in politics, and the family are members of the Chartiers Presbyterian Church of North Strabane Township.

In 1892, Mr. McMillan was united in marriage with Ottie Ryan, who died in 1896, leaving one son, John. Mr. McMillan formed a second union Mar. 6, 1904, with Emma Palmer, a daughter of Thompson Palmer, of North Strabane Township, and they have two children: Leonora Irene, who was born Jan. 23, 1906; and Elizabeth Ann, who was born July 2, 1908.

JOHN McNARY, a representative business man of Canonsburg, Pa., a contractor in teaming and heavy hauling, street paving, etc., was born two miles south of Canonsburg, in North Strabane Township, Washington County, October 9, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Templeton) McNary.

The McNary family is of Scotch origin and the first representative in America was James McNary, a shoemaker by trade, who reached the United States, or the colonies as they were then denominated, and in 1760 settled in what is now Chanceford Township, York County, Pa. There he purchased a tract of land from Samuel Esson, paying three pounds and ten shillings for the same, and in 1764 he bought a farm from Robert McCall, paying thirty-two pounds and ten shillings. He had four sons and one daughter: John, James, Thomas, David and Jane. Jane married a Mr. Robinson, of York County. Subsequently, James McNary deeded a part of his land to his sons John and James. With his sons he was elected an elder in the Presbyterian Church, two of the sons serving as such in 1783, in the old Chartiers congregation. James McNary late in life removed to Hanover Township, Washington County, with his youngest son,





THOMAS R. McMILLAN



David McNary, where he died at the age of eighty-five years and he was buried at Harmon's Creek, now called Service's graveyard.

The father of Mr. McNary was born in Washington County, on the McNary farm in North Strabane Township. His mother was of Irish extraction, her maiden name having been Jane Edgar. Samuel McNary died in 1898. His widow survived until 1903. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Jane, who is the wife of George Black, of Washington; Margaret, who died aged twelve years; Mary, who is now deceased, was the wife of J. W. Pollock; Ann, who resided in Canonsburg; Belle, who married S. W. Berry, of North Strabane Township; Elizabeth, who married J. M. Kelso; Ella, who married William McPeake, residing near Bishop; Edward, who married Luella Morgan, resides at Houstonsville; David T., who married Almada Clark, daughter of Cornelius Clark; John, who married Jennie Whitely, of Somerset Township; Joseph V., who married Mattie Patterson, resides in Washington; J. Martin, who married Lizzie Hess, resides in Washington; and Emma, who married O. I. Gilbert, is also a resident of Washington, Pa.

John McNary attended school in North Strabane Township until old enough to become useful on the home farm and he remained there until he came to Canonsburg and started a teaming business and opened up a feed store. In 1897 a fire destroyed his store since when he has been devoting his attention to heavy teaming and contracting and has done a large amount of the street paving for Canonsburg since that time and street contracting, including also railroad construction. In 1906 he built the first section of the interurban line from Canonsburg to Pittsburg and paved from Pike street to the tin mill in East Canonsburg. In the part of the contract which he had under his charge, on the street railway, he moved about 50,000 yards of dirt. He has accumulated considerable valuable real estate in Canonsburg, all of which he has acquired through his own industry. When he was only fourteen years of age he peddled milk through the borough, while living on the farm, in the meanwhile making plans which he later carried out, his foresight directing him into the lines for which he knew himself well qualified. During his twenty-five years of residence in Canonsburg he has been an active and useful citizen, ever ready to do his part in advancing the general welfare. He served very acceptably as a member of the council of South Canonsburg for two terms, his practical business ideas being recognized as most valuable in that body.

In 1884, Mr. McNary was married to Miss Jennie Whitely and they have the following children: Myrtle Margaret, who is bookkeeper for the Notes Publishing Company; Dora May, who resides at home; Curtis F.,

who is a student in Muskingum College; and Ernest T., who attends school at Canonsburg. Since he was twelve years old, Mr. McNary has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

LLOYD S. IRWIN, D.O., who has been established in his profession at Washington since 1904 and during the five years of practice has brought the value of Osteopathy as a means of healing to a large and constantly increasing clientele, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1875, and is a son of Z. T. and Sarah A. (McCarty) Irwin.

The father of Dr. Irwin, who is now living retired at East Palestine, Ohio, was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1848. In early years he was a farmer in Washington County, but for some twelve years of his active life was a general contractor and builder of streets. His father, Thompson Irwin, was one of the early settlers in Washington County and the family has always been one held in high esteem.

Dr. Irwin was reared in Columbiana County and was a student in the East Palestine high school, later graduated from Mt. Hope Academy and then entered Mt. Union College, which he left in his junior year. For the one year following he taught school, in the meanwhile considering the claims of the various schools of medicine and selecting the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., where this modern manner of healing was established as a system by the venerable Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, who still survives. After his graduation, in 1904, Dr. Irwin located at Washington and here has built up a large and remunerative practice, in many cases gaining patients whose ailments have defied the skill of other capable practitioners of an older school. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association and the Western Pennsylvania Osteopathic Society, of which he was treasurer for two years.

In 1901, Dr. Irwin was married to Miss Carolyn Chamberlain, of East Palestine, Ohio. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, is a Knight Templar Mason and still remains identified with the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity. He belongs also to the Atlas Club of Kirksville and to the exclusive Bassett Club of Washington.

THOMAS CAMERON McKINLEY, superintendent of the American Window Glass factory at Monongahela City, Pa., was born February 12, 1876, near Philadelphia, Pa., and is a son of William and Mary (Cameron) McKinley, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Scotland. The parents of our subject were married in Scotland and after the birth of their three eldest

children came to the United States and located near Philadelphia, where the father died in 1906 at the age of seventy-two years. The mother still resides near Philadelphia, and is the mother of the following children: John; Jennie; Elizabeth; Margaret, who is the wife of Arthur Arry; Mary; Thomas C., our subject; and Anna, who is the wife of William Jones.

Thomas Cameron McKinley spent his early boyhood days near Philadelphia and at the age of fourteen years went to Belle Vernon, Pa., where he became a roller boy in the glass factory of L. R. Schmertz & Company, with whom he learned the trade and remained seventeen years. He then went to Genette, Pa., where he became foreman for the same firm, which was succeeded by the American Window Glass Company, and in 1906 came to Monongahela City as superintendent of the company's plant here, which covers a tract of five acres, and gives employment to 250 men. Mr. McKinley has always taken an active interest in baseball and during the summer months, when the glass works are shut down, usually plays first base for some of the professional or semi-professional teams, and in 1906 was manager of the Dayton, Ohio, team, which he brought from a "tail-ender" to one of the first division teams, and resigned as manager to accept his position as superintendent of the American Window Glass factory, and since coming to Monongahela City has organized a strong team in this city.

Mr. McKinley was married October 29, 1905, to Catherine Kuhn, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Ross) Kuhn, both deceased, and they have three children: William, Alfreda and Thomas.

In fraternal circles, Mr. McKinley is affiliated with the Masonic order of Charleoi, and the B. P. O. E., and Modern Woodmen of Monongahela City, and in politics is a Republican, and is at present a school director in Carroll Township. The family resides at New Eagle, Pa.

SAMUEL THOMPSON, since 1899, has been proprietor of the Hotel Haley, a large three-story frame building, which was erected in 1896 by Henry Haley, at Roscoe, Pa., and for the past eighteen years has been identified with the hotel business at various towns in Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties, Pa. He was born September 8, 1871, near Brownsville, Pa., and is a son of George and Martha (Franks) Thompson. The father, a distiller by occupation, died in 1901, in Fayette County, Pa.

Samuel Thompson was reared in Fayette County, Pa., and began his business career in the hotel business, which he has followed continuously for eighteen years. He was united in marriage with Anna Litman, a daughter of George W. Litman, Jr., deceased, who was proprietor of

a hotel at Uniontown, Pa. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Frank, who is bookkeeper for the Pittsburgh Coal Company; and Helen, Samuel, Mary, David, Nellie, Fred, Maud and Bessie.

Mr. Thompson holds membership with the Eagles and the Royal Order of Moose.

DAVID McDONNELL, whose fine farm of 150 acres is situated in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm, March 25, 1838, and is a son of Barnet and Ruth (Jackson) McDonnell, and a grandson of Patrick McDonnell, who was born in Ireland.

The father of Mr. McDonnell, Barnet McDonnell, was born on the Atlantic Ocean, while his parents were on the voyage to America. His father secured the present farm from a man by the name of Burnside, who had originally entered the land from the government, and he was the second owner of a farm that remains yet in the possession of his descendants. Barnet McDonnell spent his life on the place and engaged in farming and stock raising. For a number of years he served in the office of justice of the peace and he was also an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He was married (first) to Nancy Kimball, and they had three children: George, William and Elizabeth, all now deceased, Elizabeth having been the wife of David Logan. He was married (second) to Ruth Jackson and she also died on this farm and they both are buried in the Florence Cemetery. The following children were born to the second union: Rezin, Jackson, Samuel and Alexander, all now deceased; David; Nancy Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Caleb Gretzinger; Hannah, now deceased, who was the wife of Asa Owings; and James K. Polk, who was named in honor of President Polk, for whom the father of the child had great admiration.

David McDonnell attended school as regularly as country boys usually do, up to the age of fifteen years and then his father apprenticed him to a shoemaker and he thoroughly learned that excellent trade and worked at it for twenty-five years, in Hanover Township. In the spring of 1879 he returned to the farm, his father having died July 3, 1877, and took possession and has resided here ever since.

Mr. McDonnell had been a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in the 103rd Pa. Vol. Inf., March 22, 1865, and on account of hostilities ceasing, he was discharged July 13, 1865. For many years he continued agricultural operations and still is the active manager of his property, his sons all having become professional men and each has made an honorable place for himself in the outside world. Mr. McDonnell has improved his property, building a very comfortable and commodious house when he settled down here.

In June, 1862, Mr. McDonnell was married (first) to

Elizabeth Ann Criss, who died March 25, 1899. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Ryland) Criss, prominent farmers of Hanover Township. To this marriage the following children were born: Henry B., who is a chemist at College Park, Md., near Washington, D. C.; Wesley C., who is a school teacher and a justice of the peace in Hanover Township; Milton Earl, who spent two years in study in Germany, is a chemist with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, Pa.; Curtis Criss, who is a chemist at Washington, D. C., and Fred V., who is a mechanical engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Toledo, Ohio. On October 8, 1903, Mr. McDonnell was married to Elenora Milligan, a daughter of John and Eleanore Tucker, who were farming people in Hanover Township.

Mr. McDonnell is nominally a Democrat but he exercises his own judgment very frequently when he casts his vote, putting the man before the party. He has served in local office and made an excellent road commissioner. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM G. THEURER, who is district manager of the National Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, with office at No. 207 Washington Trust building, Washington, has been a resident of this city for the past eight years. He was born in 1874, at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa.

Mr. Theurer enjoyed many educational advantages in youth and early manhood, and spent four years at Washington and Jefferson College. He then entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Company, in the Pittsburgh office and spent two years in the contracting department, when he was put in charge of the Johnstown District, then the DuBois District, and in December, 1901, took charge of the Washington District Bell Telephone Company. He remained with that concern until 1908, when he went with the Western Electric Manufacturing Company, leaving there in July, 1909, to accept his present position with the National Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. His rise in his profession has been rapid and substantial. He is interested in other business enterprises as a stockholder and is classed with the progressive and successful business men of this city. He has been more or less active in politics ever since he was eighteen years of age, when he attended his first Republican State Convention, held at Harrisburg. He has never wished office for himself, but always desires to work for good government and to advance the interests of his friends.

In 1904, Mr. Theurer was married to Miss Minnie M. Stahl, of Johnstown, Pa., a daughter of John Park Stahl, formerly of the Cambria Steel Company, now in the contracting business. They have one daughter, Barbara Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Theurer are members of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church. He still retains membership in his Greek letter society and belongs to the Alumni Association of Washington and Jefferson College, Pittsburgh District. While at college Mr. Theurer took an active part in athletics, playing four years on the football team, being captain in 1898; and three years on the baseball team, being its captain in 1897-8. Since leaving college, he has followed both teams closely, helping to coach them at various times.

WILLIAM M. RUSSELL, owner and proprietor of the Mt. Pleasant Valley farm containing 175 acres, which is situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., two miles north of Hickory, at the head waters of the North Branch of Raccoon Creek, is a man who is admired by his neighbors for his business ability and honored and esteemed by them for his personal qualities. He was born on his farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, May 1, 1851, and is a son of Andrew, a grandson of Andrew, and a great-grandson of Andrew Russell.

The interesting history of this family begins with the great-grandfather, Andrew Russell, who was born in Scotland in 1732. He married Isabel Mays, who was born in Ireland, and together they crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1758, and found a home near Oxford, in Chester County, Pa. They had ten children and they lived in Chester County until after the birth of the youngest and then decided to move into Washington County, selecting the land near Canonsburg which has ever since, a period of 127 years, remained in the Russell name. This moving from one county to the other was a great undertaking for those days. The Alleghany Mountains lay between and all the household goods had to be packed on the backs of horses to transport, and even then many of the necessities had to be left behind. The family safely reached the new home, which was established near Westland, in Washington County, and the Russells have belonged to Washington County ever since, for years having been numbered with the best of its citizenship. There were three sons and seven daughters in the family and they were named as follows: Alexander, Robert, Andrew, Polly, Jane, Peggy, Hannah, Abby, Liddia and Betsey. Thus there were sons to cultivate the land, while the father could also work at his trade of blacksmith. He was a typical Scot, stern, persevering, thrifty and religious, and the picture in words has come down to the present generation of the sturdy old man walking a distance of ten miles in order to attend church and sitting through the whole day in order to enjoy both services, and deeming this no hardship, but, on the other hand, a privilege. He was one of the founders, probably, of the Chartiers Church at Canonsburg. His political opinions were those then entertained by the Whig party. His wife died May 5, 1802, and he survived until June

20, 1814. They were interred in the Canonsburg Cemetery.

Andrew Russell (2), son of Andrew, was born January 30, 1777, and died March 2, 1861. He married Ann McClelland, a daughter of James and Jane McClelland, and they had thirteen children. The eldest, Andrew, died at the age of five years and the sixth in order of birth was named Andrew. The others were: an infant daughter who died unnamed; Jane, James, Isabel, Ann, Elizabeth, Alexander, Robert H., John, Nancy and William. After their marriage, Andrew and Ann Russell settled on the homestead and spent their lives in Chartiers Township. He was a member of the Chartiers Church at Canonsburg and was an elder in the same from 1832 until 1861.

Andrew Russell (3), son of Andrew and also grandson of Andrew Russell, and father of William M. Russell, was born December 31, 1814, was reared on the old homestead farm on which he lived until his marriage, when he settled on the farm now owned by William M., and spent the remainder of his active life here, his death occurring April 25, 1891, when aged seventy-six years, three months and twenty-five days. At Houston, on April 18, 1839, he was married to Jane Miller, who survived until March 23, 1900, dying at the age of eighty-three years, five months and sixteen days. Both are buried at Hickory. The maternal grandparents of William Russell were Andrew and Sarah Miller, natives of Ireland, who came to America in 1812. They located near Hickory in Washington County. To Andrew and Jane Russell the following children were born: Sarah Jaue, Andrew J., James H., Thomas A., Letitia A., William M., Isabella M., Robert A., Doret M., and an infant, unnamed. The parents of this family were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church and during one period the father attended the church at Noblestown, riding there and back each Sabbath on horseback. He was a Republican in his political views and he served his township acceptably as tax collector and road supervisor.

William M. Russell attended the district schools in Mt. Pleasant Township in his boyhood, after which he assisted his father on the home farm and has continued here ever since. After the place came into his possession he made many improvements and repairs and has sound, substantial buildings. He devotes a large part of his attention to raising sheep and cattle, keeping 200 head of the former and a herd of excellent grade of the latter.

On May 27, 1887, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Anna Agnew, a daughter of Johnson Agnew. She died May 4, 1899, and was interred in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Three children were born to that marriage: Johnson, who is attending high school at Hickory; Anna, who is at home; and Andrew McElroy, who is deceased. Mr. Russell was married (second) September 24, 1903, to

Miss Annie M. Crickeon, a daughter of J. C. and Elizabeth Crickeon. To this marriage one son has been born, Joseph Lawrence. If the great-grandfather could return to count his descendants he would find seventy-three grandchildren and 322 great-grandchildren. Mr. Russell, like his forefathers, is a Presbyterian and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. He is a worthy citizen in every particular but has never been ambitious to serve in public office.

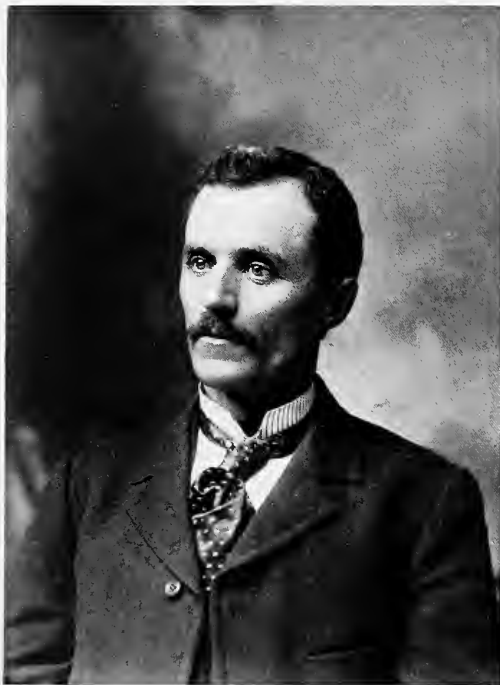
SAMUEL ALLEN LACOCK, M.D., of Canonsburg, Pa., was born in Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., December 23, 1849, and is a son of John V. and Sarah Jane (McClenathan) Lacock, a grandson of Ira, and a great-grandson of Samuel Lacock, the latter of whom came from New Jersey to Washington County and established his home in Amwell Township.

The grandfather of Dr. Lacock was born in Amwell Township, December 13, 1794, later moved to Franklin Township and some twelve years prior to his death, sold his farm to his son, John V. Lacock and moved to Washington, where he continued to reside. He was a Jacksonian Democrat and was a firm adherent of the Disciples or Christian Church. He married Anna Bane, a daughter of Isaac Bane, of Amwell Township and she died December 13, 1876. They had six children.

John V. Lacock, father of Dr. Lacock, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, near Liberty Chapel, September 5, 1822. The larger part of his life was passed on his farm but a few years before its close he moved to Canonsburg, where he died November 2, 1906, in his eighty-fifth year. Like his father he was a worthy member of the Disciples Church and a strong supporter of the Democratic party. He married Sarah Jane McClenathan, who was a daughter of William McClenathan. She died December 14, 1889. Her father was born in Ireland, August 10, 1765, and emigrated to America at an early age and settled in Amwell Township, Washington County. He married Mary Coulson, who was born September 10, 1780, and they reared the following children: Isabella, born July 9, 1801, married John Tucker, and died March 5, 1873; Samuel, born June 15, 1803, died February 12, 1873; William, born January 16, 1805, died October 15, 1835; John, born February 16, 1807, died November 10, 1878, and was the father of Dr. McClenathan, of Connellsville, Pa.; James, born June 25, 1809, died July 9, 1876; Blair, born November 26, 1811, died August 18, 1870; Allen, born June 16, 1814; Thomas, born October 17, 1816; Simmons, born April 9, 1819; Mary (Mrs. Nathaniel Bane), born October 22, 1822, died in 1901; and Sarah Jane, mother of Dr. Lacock, was born June 10, 1825.

To John V. Lacock and wife the following children were born: George S., who is a farmer near Paola, Kas.,





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married Mary Slusher; Samuel A., of Canonsburg; William R., who resides near Vankirk Station in Franklin Township, has been twice married; Ira L., who lives on and owns the farm of his father and grandfather in South Franklin Township; and Marian, who died in childhood.

Samuel A. Lacoek attended the Point Lookout school in South Franklin Township, the Washington high school and then spent one year as a student at Washington and Jefferson College, after which he entered Bethany College, West Virginia, where he was graduated in June, 1873. From that time until the fall of 1875, he occupied himself with teaching school and making his preliminary preparations for medical college, and then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and attended one course of lectures. In the fall of 1876 he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in March, 1877, and in July following he entered into practice at McConnell's mills, in Washington County. Dr. Lacoek came to his present business location at Canonsburg on April 1, 1883. He is identified with the leading medical organizations, including the Washington County Medical Society, of which he was president at one time, the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Lacoek was married (first) to Miss Flora T. Slusher, who died in April, 1877, leaving one son, Horace Mortimer, who is a physician engaged in practice at Burnesville, in West Finley Township. He married Miss Maud Steel and they have one daughter, Helen. Dr. H. M. Lacoek is a graduate of the Canonsburg high school, Meadville College and Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Samuel A. Lacoek was married (second) to Miss Olive Kate De France, on Thanksgiving Day, 1878, who died in August, 1893. Her father was Hugh De France, residing at McConnell's mills. There is one surviving daughter, Elva E., who married Harry G. Riekeley, of McConnell's mills, and they have four living children and one deceased. On September 9, 1896, Dr. Lacoek was married to Miss Sylvia De France, a daughter of William De France, of Licking County, Ohio, and they have two children: Walter B. and Wilford Clare, both attending school.

In politics, Dr. Lacoek is a Jeffersonian Democrat. For 32 years he served as committeeman in his precinct and served one term as Burgess of Canonsburg. He is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Trust Company of this city and is numbered with the substantial men of the city. Dr. Lacoek and family reside in a fine brick residence at No. 235 West Pike street, which he completed in 1902.

T. J. BURNS, one of Washington's representative business men, who is an extensive and experienced oil

operator, was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., in 1819, attended school there and when 19 years of age came to Pennsylvania and went to work in the oil fields of Venango County.

Making a success of his first efforts in the oil fields, Mr. Burns continued and became more and more interested and since then has been identified with almost all the rich oil regions of Western Pennsylvania and in other States, and at present (1909) is operating in the Ohio and Illinois fields also. He came from the Bradford fields to Canonsburg, in 1887, and from there came to Washington, where he established his permanent home, investing in property and becoming interested in the affairs of this place.

In 1878, Mr. Burns was married to Miss Agnes McKee, of Batler County, Pa., and they have five children: George, who is interested in the oil industry, at present in Ohio; Theresa, who is the wife of R. Glenn McDonough, of Washington; Frank, who is an oil well contractor, now in Virginia; Arthur, who is a student at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.; and Daniel, who is in the oil well supply business. Mr. Burns and family are members of the Catholic Church and he and his grown sons, Frank and George, are identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

ALVAN DONNAN, a member of the well known law firm, Donnans, Brownson & Miller, of Washington, Pa., was born and reared in Washington County and attended the Washington and Jefferson College, from which he graduated in 1875. He studied law with his brother, John W. Donnan, and was admitted to the Washington bar in January, 1877. He then entered upon the practice of his profession with his brother under the firm name of John W. and A. Donnan, which firm was succeeded by Donnans & Brownson, who were eventually succeeded by the present firm, Donnans, Brownson & Miller. Mr. Donnan is a director of the Citizens' National Bank.

In 1882, Mr. Donnan was joined in marriage with Lucy A. Murdoch, and they have the following children: Grace Forrester, who is the wife of Dr. J. Donald Iams, of Pittsburg; Margaretta Murdoch, who is the wife of John L. Stewart, of Washington; Lucy, who is the wife of Richard G. Miller, who is one of the leading lawyers of Washington; Nettie Barker; Alexander, a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson College, who is now a law student at Harvard University; Ruth A.; and Edmund A. Donnan.

Mr. Donnan is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of the Board of Sessions.

BENJAMIN McCORMICK KELSO, justice of the peace at South Canonsburg, Pa., is engaged there in the

real estate business and is counted with the representative citizens of the borough. He was born on a farm near Nobletown, Allegheny County, Pa., November 18, 1857, and is a son of George and Sarah (Wallace) Kelso.

The great-grandfather of Justice Kelso was born in Ireland and he probably came to Allegheny County, Pa., shortly after his marriage. His son, Benjamin Kelso, lived and died on the farm on which he was born in Allegheny County. In 1815 he married Martha Murdock and they had the following children: Rebecca, John B., Mary, George, James, Nancy, Margaret, Benjamin M., Mark B., Samuel M., Elizabeth and Jane.

George Kelso, of the above family, was born in Allegheny County in 1821, followed an agricultural life and died on his farm in Cecil Township, Washington County, in 1899. He married Sarah Wallace in June, 1852, and in 1859 moved to Washington County and settled in Cecil Township. She still survives. To this marriage nine children were born, namely: James L., William Wallace, Benjamin M., George Anderson, John Alexander, Elizabeth, Martha M., Sarah Belle, and Margaret Agnes. James L. Kelso was born September 24, 1854, married Elizabeth McNary, of North Strabane Township, and they reside in South Canonsburg. William Wallace Kelso was born February 26, 1856, resides on a farm in Cecil Township and married Annie Anderson. George Anderson Kelso was born February 19, 1868, and resides in South Canonsburg. John Alexander Kelso was born February 16, 1873, and married Ella Fullerton, of McKeesport. Elizabeth Kelso was born May 18, 1853, and died August 11, 1854. Martha M. Kelso was born July 26, 1859, and died September 15, 1880. Sarah Belle Kelso was born June 24, 1861, and died August 1, 1876. Margaret Agnes Kelso was born May 10, 1865, and died September 25, 1872.

Benjamin M. Kelso attended the Kelso school in Cecil Township and resided on the home farm until his marriage, in 1888, and then spent eight years at Pasadena, Cal., returning from there to Washington County and establishing himself in the real estate business at Canonsburg, in 1894. Since 1907 he has been a justice of the peace and his time is fully occupied with the duties of his office and his realty dealings. He is a Republican.

On October 25, 1888, Mr. Kelso was married to Miss Mary Cowden Miller, who died October 7, 1909. She was a daughter of Reed and Margaret (Cowden) Miller, of Canonsburg. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelso, all of whom survive except Mary Ann, who was born October 22, 1899, and died May 4, 1901. Those living are the following: Martha Belle, who was born August 14, 1889; Sarah Wallace, who was born January 28, 1891; Margaret Miller, who was born February 21, 1895; Agnes Murdock, who was born July 11, 1896; George Reed, who was born December 21, 1897; Robert

B., who was born October 21, 1901; Ralph McCormick, who was born November 5, 1903; James Lloyd, who was born November 13, 1905; and Harry B., who was born April 11, 1908. Mr. Kelso is a member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

JAMES DONALD GIBSON, who owns and is engaged in general farming and dairying on a farm of 112 acres, located about two miles west of Monongahela City, in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa., was born August 3, 1876, on a farm in Carroll Township, and is a son of Capt. James B. and Isabella L. (Thomas) Gibson.

James Donald Gibson was reared on his present farm in Carroll Township, attended the district schools of the township and the Indiana Normal School, and since completing his education, has been engaged in general farming and dairying on his present place, which is the old Jones farm. Mr. Gibson is one of the substantial and enterprising farmers of the township, always taking an active interest in affairs which pertain to the welfare of the community in which he lives. He is a Democrat in politics, and is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. of Monongahela City.

Mr. Gibson was married August 27, 1901, to Sarah J. Sampson, who is a daughter of William T. Sampson. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have two children: Lulu May and Clyde Le Roy.

THOMAS LILLEY, formerly one of the best known men and largest land owners of East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in this township and spent his life here, his death occurring in February, 1898. He was a man of excellent qualities and good business judgment. In no way was the latter better shown than in his retention of large bodies of land which have become doubly and trebly valuable on account of unknown depths of rich coal deposits.

Thomas Lilley married Susan Ulery, a daughter of Stephen Ulery. Of their seven children but two survive: Thomas E. and Mrs. Jane Elliott. The mother of these children died in August, 1899.

Mrs. Jane Elliott, who probably pays more taxes than any other woman in this section of Washington County, was reared on the home farm in East Pike Run Township, and obtained her education in the local schools. In young womanhood she married John Elliott, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., and of their seven children, six are living: Thomas, Edna, Donabella, James, Susan, Lilley and Jacob, Donabella being deceased. Edna is the wife of Cleaver Jones.

For two years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott resided in Fayette County. On April 1, 1886,

they moved on their present farm of 66 acres, which is situated on the National turnpike road, one and one-quarter miles west of West Brownsville. The large increase in the value of his land has made the heirs of the late Thomas Lilley the wealthiest people of East Pike Run Township.

J. T. BIDDLE, M. D., who is prominently identified with the medical profession of Washington, Pa., was born in Greene County, Pa. He graduated with a degree of A. M. from Waynesburg College with the Class of 1893, then entered the Chicago, Homeopathic Medical College, from which he graduated in 1896, and about two years later received a certificate from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. Upon completing his course in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College he embarked in practice at Monongahela City, where he continued to practice successfully for twelve years previous to coming to Washington, where he has won an enviable reputation as one of the leading and successful physicians of the city. He is a member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy.

In 1891, Dr. Biddle was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Nora Carter, of Waynesburg, Pa., and they have two children living: Ruth Bernice and Herbert N.

Dr. Biddle is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

ROBERT LEANDER CARTER, who carries on farming and stock raising with a large amount of success on a farm of 134 acres, in Mt. Pleasant Township, on which he resides, owns a second farm, containing 164 acres, which is situated in the same township, near Primrose. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., May 5, 1874, and is a son of John and Ellen J. (Kemp) Carter.

John Carter was born in Washington County, Pa., a son of William Carter, one of the early settlers. He married Ellen J. Kemp and they had three children: William H., who lives at McDonald; Ada, who married Melvin Kemp, of Bowen, Ill., and they live at Marysville, Mo.; and Robert Leander. After marriage, John Carter resided on the farm in Mt. Pleasant Township which is now owned by John M. McIlvaine, and then moved to a farm of 164 acres, in the same township, and there his death occurred April 26, 1877, and his burial was in the Hickory Cemetery. His widow lives at Bowen, Ill. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Carter is also a member.

R. L. Carter attended the Cherry Valley district school, later Hickory Academy and then turned his attention to the management of his two farms. Following his marriage in 1903 he lived on the homestead for four

years and then came to his present farm, placing a tenant on the other one. He has 120 acres of this farm in a highly cultivated condition. He is devoting a large amount of attention to the breeding of registered Holstein cattle and is meeting with satisfactory results through his enterprising methods.

On February 5, 1903 Mr. Carter was married to Miss Anna M. Small, a daughter of David and Margaret Small, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have two children: Clarence E. and Alvin D. Mr. and Mrs. Carter are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He takes no very active interest in politics, but performs every duty demanded by good citizenship. He is identified with the Republican party.

ROBERT BAMFORD, one of the prominent farmers and influential citizens of Robinson Township, Washington County, Pa., resides on a farm of 121 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, on which he has one producing gas well, and was born February 16, 1837, at Bulger, Pa., a son of Robert and Sarah (Gordon) Bamford.

The Bamford family is of Irish extraction, and the parents of our subject were born in County Antrim, Ireland, came to America in 1848, and located in Allegheny County, four years later removing to Washington County, Pa., where the father followed the blacksmith trade. Robert and Sarah Bamford were the parents of the following children: David G., William, Robert and Mary, who resides at Midway with her widowed mother.

Robert Bamford attended the common schools of the township and early in life engaged in farming which he has followed continuously since. He is a stockholder in the Midway National Bank and the McDonald Savings Trust Company, and in politics is identified with the Democratic party. Mr. Bamford is now completing his second term as road supervisor of Robinson Township.

On February 16, 1887, Mr. Bamford was united in marriage with Jennie M. Donaldson, a daughter of John M. and Martha (Bigger) Donaldson, well known residents of Midway, Pa. John M. Donaldson, who has been living in retirement at Midway, Pa., since 1901, when he erected his present commodious residence, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm of 170 acres, which he inherited from his father, to whom it had been left by the grandfather, James Donaldson. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are the parents of the following children: Andrew R., Jennie M., Thomas B., Sallie C., Esther, who is the wife of Rev. J. M. Jamieson, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Monessen, Pa.; Emmett T., who died when aged twenty-four years; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of William Stevenson; Margaret, who is the wife of Dr.

T. A. Miller; Richard M. and H. H., who is a practicing physician at Pittsburg and is identified with the Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bamford have had the following children: John Donaldson, who resides on the home farm; Martha, who will graduate from the Robinson Township High School with the Class of 1910; and Sarah, who attends the common schools of the township. The family holds membership with the Center United Presbyterian Church at Midway.

WILLIAM M. HORN, a prominent and prosperous citizen of Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., is also a veteran of that great Civil War which cast its fateful shadow over the United States from 1861 to 1865. He was born in Buffalo Township, April 18, 1839, and is a son of John and Mary M. (Gantz) Horn.

The Horn family originated in Germany. Old family records have been lost and it is not known just when three brothers of the name landed on the American shore, but from one of these brothers descended William M. Horn, of Buffalo Township. The first Horn recorded in Washington County was Martin Horn, the grandfather of William M., and he was a son of Hartman Horn, who was born in Germany.

John Horn, son of Martin and father of William M., was born in Washington County in 1800 and died in 1885. Of his children who survive, the following are thus located: Martin L., of Knox County, Ohio; Hugh N., of Iowa; Isaac, of Illinois; Elizabeth, widow, of Ventura County, Cal.; Hannah, widow of Eleven Aly, of Moultrie County, Ill.; William M., of Buffalo Township; and Sarah M., wife of George Coogle, of Buffalo Township.

W. M. Horn was reared and educated in Buffalo Township and but for the sudden outbreak of the Civil War, he would probably have lived the quiet, peaceful life of a farmer all his days, but on his country's call he proved his loyalty by enlisting in her service, on August 28, 1861, becoming a member of Co. A, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf. He continued in the service, enduring innumerable hardships and facing frequent danger, until his honorable discharge on August 28, 1864. He did not escape injury during this long period, on one occasion being so severely wounded in the shoulder that he was confined in a military hospital for weeks. He participated, with the Ninth Army Corps, in the battle of Port Royal, S. C.; the taking of Hilton Head; the second battle of Bull Run; the battles of Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg; the siege of Vicksburg; the campaign through Tennessee; the battles of Fort Saunders; Blue Springs, Ky.; the Wilderness; Spottsylvania, North Anna and South Anna Rivers, Cold Harbor and Petersburg,—truly a formidable list and

sufficient to make a veteran of any soldier that took part in them.

After his discharge Mr. Horn returned to Buffalo Township, where he has resided ever since. He has but recently completed one of the most beautiful and desirable rural homes in Washington County. Of brick construction and modern architecture, and set amidst the most charming surroundings, it attracts the admiring attention of every passer-by.

Mr. Horn married Miss Louise Hupp Clemens, a daughter of John and Louisa (Hupp) Clemens. Her father was formerly a well-known resident of Buffalo Township, a son of William Clemens, a pioneer of this section. The Horn home place is a part of the old William Clemens farm. Mrs. Horn has three surviving brothers: Isaac, residing at Wellsburg, Pa.; William, residing at Claysville, Pa., and Alonzo W., residing in Buffalo Township. The eldest brother, John H. Clemens, was a member of Co. A, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Civil War, and was killed in front of Petersburg, June 17, 1864.

WILLIAM R. WEIRICH, who is serving in his seventh year as a member of the school board of Canton Township, of which he has been treasurer for six years, was born on the farm on which he lives, a valuable tract of 163 acres, situated in Canton Township, Washington County, Pa., Aug. 14, 1864, and is a son of Israel and Sarah (Thompson) Weirich.

The first member of the Weirich family to come to Pennsylvania, many years ago, was a native of Germany and he settled in Lebanon County, and from there Jacob Weirich, the grandfather of William R., came to Washington County and was one of the earliest settlers in Canton Township. From there he moved into Franklin Township after the birth of his son, Israel, the latter of whom spent his entire life here and was one of the extensive farmers and sheep growers of this section for many years.

Israel Weirich was a man of sterling virtues and previous to 1890 he was an elder in the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church and then became one of the founders of the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington Borough. He was deeply attached to that church, served as an elder and was liberal in contributing to the furthering of its benevolent and missionary work. He gave support to the Republican party, but it was a matter of principle with him for he never desired any office and only accepted that of school director because he deemed it a duty. His death occurred Apr. 1, 1908. He married Sarah Thompson, who was born near Taylorstown, where her family had been pioneers. Her death occurred Feb. 20, 1894. Of the children of Israel and Sarah Weirich, the following survive: Jacob,



ISAAC WEIRICH



WILLIAM R. WEIRICH



residing in Buffalo Township; James E., residing at St. Paul, Minn.; William R., residing in Canton Township; Charles B., living at Pennsburg, Pa.; Howard R., living at Hibbing, Minn.; Henry W., residing at Goldfield, Nev.; and S. Albert, residing in Canton Township.

William R. Weirich has been one of Canton Township's prosperous farmers and stock raisers for many years. He also was engaged for some six years in conducting a livery business at Washington. Few citizens are better known than he and the high regard in which he is held in Canton Township is shown by his successive elections to the office he now holds, for this township is notably an intelligent one and the public schools are very closely watched and their interests promoted.

On July 25, 1894, Mr. Weirich was married to Miss Lillie M. Hart, who was born in Armstrong County, Pa., and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hart. Mr. Hart is deceased, but the venerable mother still survives and resides at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Weirich have two daughters: Loretta E. and Bessie N. The family belongs to and are active in the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington, Mr. Weirich being president of the board of trustees.

WILLIAM R. THOMPSON, M. D., one of Washington County's leading citizens, who has been a resident of Washington since 1871, was born in what is now Blaine Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1835, a son of James and a grandson of James Thompson, the latter of whom was one of the early settlers in the county.

The second James Thompson, the father of Dr. Thompson, was born on the same farm that witnessed the birth of his son. He followed agricultural pursuits through life. His marriage was to Miss Sarah Reed and they reared a family of five children, William R. being the only survivor.

Dr. William R. Thompson completed his primary education in the common schools and later entered Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated in 1864, shortly afterward entering Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and in 1867 was graduated from that old and deservedly honored institution. For a short time he engaged in practice at Cadiz, Ohio, and then returned to Washington County and continued in the active practice of his profession at Taylorstown, until he came to Washington. Here he has become one of the foremost physicians and surgeons, and for many years has been considered an eminent exponent of medical practice and science. He is identified with many learned bodies and is a valued member of the Washington County and Pennsylvania

State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association. He was one of the organizers of the City Hospital at Washington and remains one of its directors. Many benevolent enterprises have found in him an active helper and he has ever been earnestly concerned in the advancement of education and at present is a trustee of both the Washington Seminary and Washington and Jefferson College.

Dr. Thompson was married in 1868 to Miss Margaret Agnes Ely. They have three surviving children, namely: Sarah K., A. E. and Cora M. A. E. is a physician. Cora M. is the wife of James N. Rule and resides at Washington. Dr. Thompson and family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church and for several years he served on the Board of Sessions.

J. R. DINSMORE, a large land owner and a successful farmer, owns 200 acres in Mt. Pleasant Township and 152 acres in Cross Creek Township, in Washington County, and also ninety-two acres in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, and an additional farm in Jefferson County, Ohio. Mr. Dinsmore was born near Taylorstown, Washington County, Pa., December 31, 1838. He is a son of Robert and Margaret McClay Dinsmore and a grandson of James and Hetty (Hamilton) Dinsmore.

The Dinsmore family is an old and prominent one in Western Pennsylvania and through marriage is connected with others of the same class. When Rev. John McMillan was president of Jefferson Academy, the great-grandfather of Mr. Dinsmore was one of the organizers with him of the Hill Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. The father of Mr. Dinsmore was a third cousin of Rev. Robert Breckenridge, who was then president of Washington and Jefferson College. The grandmother of Mr. Dinsmore was Hetty Hamilton, whose mother was a Rennie, and her mother was a McCamey, and her mother was a Breckenridge.

When Mr. Dinsmore was a boy he was given only the educational advantages that he secured for himself. After working hard all day he made companions of his school books at night and by the light of the back log, in front of the fireplace, mastered arithmetical problems that often puzzled people a good many years older than himself. He is one of the best informed men in his community, but is entirely self taught. After his marriage in 1868 he continued to live in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, near the Washington County line, which he crossed in 1898 and settled on his present farm of 200 acres in Mt. Pleasant Township. This property he has spent much to improve, erecting all the attractive and substantial buildings now standing, not the least of these being his barn, the dimensions of which are 40x60 feet. His residence is fitted up with

modern comforts and its surroundings display much good taste. Mr. Dinsmore cultivates all his land except ten acres, this being in timber, two acres being a valuable locust grove. He has a stable which accommodates forty head of cattle and on his Allegheny County farm he keeps 200 sheep and on his Cross Creek farm, 190 sheep, his flocks being valuable for every purpose. Mr. Dinsmore is recognized as a very able business man.

On February 27, 1868, Mr. Dinsmore was married to Miss Sarah McPeak, a daughter of James and Jane McPeak, and they have had eight children and five grandchildren, namely: Robert Walker, who married Rosanna McCarrell, a daughter of Leman McCarrell, has two children—Elmer McC. and Ruth Elvira; Margaret J., who died of typhoid fever; William McC., who died also of fever, when aged nineteen years; Sarah Ida Evelyn, who married Harry W. Denny, has one son, Jay McWay Denny; Anna Clarissa, who lives at home; Agnes Irene, who married Norman Russell, of Washington, has two sons; John Y., who assists his father; and Martha Elizabeth, who is a popular teacher in Mt. Pleasant Township. Mr. Dinsmore and family are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the Covenanters. In politics Mr. Dinsmore is entirely independent and has never consented to consider any suggestion of his holding office. He has always been a busy man and has many reasons for being a contented one, having been able to accomplish a great deal in his seventy-one years.

JOHN BAYINGTON McBRIDE, the subject of this sketch, is a native of North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa. He was born on the farm on which he has always resided, March 15, 1837. He received his primary education at the common schools of his district, supplemented by an extended course of study at Jefferson College, then located at Canonsburg, this county. A diligent and thoughtful reader of selected books and periodicals furnishing the best food for the mind, thus keeping himself posted in the current literature of the times. A close observer of men and methods, he was well qualified to take a leading part in all questions and enterprises of interest to the community for their moral and material development.

In his political predilections he has always been a leading Democrat. A staunch advocate of "clean politics," honest elections and honest men for election, he has held with characteristic ability various township offices. Without solicitation on his part he was nominated for the State Legislature in 1869, and again in 1890. Although in a strongly Republican district, he was defeated in each contest by less than 100 votes. Again in 1908 at the earnest solicitation of friends, he stood as opposed to ring rule, booze and boodle at elec-

tions and for a higher standard of citizenship, as a candidate for the Legislature and received the hearty support of the best citizens of the county, but failed of election, owing largely to the affiliation of the liquor and kindred interests.

He was one of the charter members of the "Oak Spring Cemetery Company," located near Canonsburg, Pa. Mr. McBride was twice appointed by Gov. Pattison to the board of managers of the Morgantown Reform School. For many years he served on the school board of his district and worked for the efficiency of the schools, believing them to be the children's golden opportunity.

Mr. McBride's ancestral history is an interesting one. The great grandparents of the most numerous family of Washington County McBrides were natives of near Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, where they lived and died. The great grandfather's name was Nathaniel McBride and the great-grandmother's maiden name was Hamilton. The grandfather's name was James McBride and the grandmother's maiden name was Sarah Sprows. Both were natives of Ireland, but were married in this country. Nathaniel and some other brothers never came to this country.

James McBride, when twenty-three years of age, came to America with his brothers, Samuel and Isaac, about 1772, and settled first on what was known as the "Washington lands" on Miller's Run, Washington County, Pa. Soon after their settlement here, Gen. Washington, at the suggestion of his agent, Capt. William Crawford, had a survey made of these lands, and on July 5, 1775, a military patent was issued to Washington for 2,813 acres from Lord Dunmore, Gov.-General of Virginia. In the meantime they, with other settlers, made improvements on said lands, believing, as Col. George Croghan, an Indian agent, informed them, that Washington had no rights there, and being advised by him to remain.

Washington's Journal shows that on September 19, 1784, he came to the settlement, but having learned that they were a religious people, deferred his visit until "Monday, September 20, went early this morning to view the land and to receive the final determination of those claimants." . . . . "Obtaining a pilot near the lands, I went first to the plantation of Samuel McBride, who has about five acres of meadow and thirty acres of arable land under good fencing, a logged dwelling-house with a punchon roof and a stable or small barn of the same kind. The land rather hilly, but good, chiefly white oak. . . . Next James McBrides, three or four acres of meadow, twenty-eight acres of arable land, pretty good fencing, land rather broken, but good, white and black oak timber mixed, a dwelling-house and barn—of middling size—with punchon roofs." His journal further shows that they, with Thomas Biggett and



nine others, were ejected from their improved lands in 1785. Samuel McBride and family, with his brother Isaac, a bachelor, went to Mahoning in Eastern Ohio. James McBride, Thomas Biggett and several others of these ejected, settled in what is now Robinson Township, Washington County, Pa. These sturdy pioneer settlers felt that they were not justly treated by Gen. Washington, believing they were entitled to these lands from the Indian agent's claim, and their improvement according to the custom of the country. Ejected from these homes which they had literally hewed out of the forests—defeated but not disheartened—they again entered the forest to carve out for their families new homes.

James McBride selected 240 acres and in 1785 secured a patent named "Pumpton" from the receiver-general's office of Pennsylvania, which patent contained this unique clause: "Reserving only the fifth part of all gold and silver for the use of the Commonwealth to be delivered at the pit's mouth free of all charges."

This tract was owned successively by his sons, William and Alexander, and is now owned by his grandson, John C. McBride. Another grandson, William (now deceased), owned and his family still own and reside upon a part of the "Washington lands" in Mt. Pleasant Township. It is said that the McBride settlements were on the lands now owned by Luther Morgan, in said township. Mr. McBride's family was one of the three that formed the Associate Presbyterian Congregation of Clinton, Rev. William Wilson, pastor. James McBride died October 6, 1827, aged eighty-four years; his wife died March 6, 1838, aged eighty-one years. Both are buried in the Clinton Church Cemetery. They had an issue of ten sons, to wit: Nathaniel, died in 1860, aged eighty-two years; Francis, James and John at their deaths were aged 59, 69 and 88, respectively. Mathew Hamilton, born in 1787, died March 12, 1871, aged eighty-four years. Samuel died in 1887, aged eighty-seven. Isaac died aged eighty-three years.

David died aged seventy-two years. William, born 1797, died October 22, 1878, aged eighty-one. Alexander, born in 1800, died November 20, 1885, aged eighty-five. By the help and industry of this large family of boys Mr. McBride accumulated a large estate, about 1,100 acres, which he divided among his children. Alexander McBride was one of the elders chosen at the organization of the Robinson Associate Congregation.

Mathew Hamilton McBride was married March 12, 1834, to Mary Bavington, daughter of Capt. John and Ruth (McKinnon) Bavington, one of the pioneer and influential families of Smith Township. They then took up their home in North Strabane Township.

To Mathew H. and Mary (Bavington) McBride were born three children, viz.: James Hamilton, who died October 23, 1862, from wounds received while in the

military service of the State; John Bavington (our subject) and Samuel Bruce, graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in 1862, and at the call of his country enlisted in Co. G, (Capt. Frazier) 140th Reg. Pa. Vol. He was severely wounded at Fredericksburg and was discharged from service on account of this disability. As soon as his health permitted, he resumed his theological studies and was licensed to preach by the Chartiers U. P. Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride spent the whole of their married life upon this home farm, where they brought up their children to manhood. They were members of the Associate, (now United Presbyterian) Congregation of Chartiers, and enjoyed the ministrations for many years of that venerable and notable pastor, Dr. Ramsey.

Mr. McBride was an old line Democrat, but never made himself prominent in politics. In educational matters, however, and every other question claiming the consideration of thinking men, he took a deep interest. He served as school trustee in his district for many years. Having taught school in his young manhood, he was able to act efficiently for the uplift of the common schools of his day. He was a progressive farmer and a successful stock raiser, to which business the best days of his long life were given. Mathew H. McBride died September 12, 1871, aged eighty-four years. His wife died February 12, 1873, and they are buried in Oak Spring Cemetery.

After his parents' death, John B. McBride obtained full control of the farm. On May 1, 1873, he was married to Alice, daughter of Maj. James S. Scott, of Washington County, Pa. An interesting family of six children have come to brighten their home, viz.: James Scott, born November 23, 1874, graduated at Washington and Jefferson College in 1897, mechanical engineer; John Bavington, born September 8, 1876, graduated at Washington and Jefferson College in 1898, practicing law at Pittsburg, Pa.; Charles Cabbage, born September 17, 1878, graduate of Duff's College; Samuel Bruce, born June 2, 1880, graduate of Jefferson Academy, Canonsburg, Pa.; Mary Alice, born September 28, 1883, graduated at Washington Female Seminary, 1903; George Wallace, born November 17, 1884, graduate Washington and Jefferson College, 1906.

The mother of these children dying November 17, 1884, Mr. McBride wedded on June 28, 1887, Frances Emma Jones, of Canonsburg, Pa. By this union there is no issue. The family are members of and liberal contributors to the Chartiers United Presbyterian Congregation, Canonsburg, Pa., and enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community. Mr. McBride is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is noted as a thorough and successful farmer in a region celebrated for its good farms and its model farmers. Like

his father, he has devoted much of his income to the improvement and adornment of his farm, and as a result he has now one of the most desirable and best improved farms in this section of Washington County.

In all his undertakings he has met with well merited success, a success due to his perseverance, sound judgment and progressive spirit.

GEORGE W. DUVALL, general farmer and dairyman, residing on his excellent farm of eighty-four acres, which lies on the road running from California to the National turnpike, some two miles west of California, in East Pike Run Township, was born in West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., January 5, 1852, and is a son of John and Mary (Yorty) Duvall.

Both parents of Mr. Duvall were born in Washington County, the father on the farm which George W. Duvall now owns. All of their seven children survive them: George W., Hannah, John L., Amanda, Lewis, Ellen and Lizzie. Amanda is the wife of William Hornbake, and Ellen is the widow of Frank Bake. Mr. Duvall also has three half-brothers: William, Robert and Frank, all living, and had one half-sister, Victoria, who is deceased. Both parents died in West Pike Run Township.

George W. Duvall attended the schools of West Pike Run Township and then assisted his father on the home farm until his marriage, February 22, 1877. On April 10, 1877, Mr. and Mrs. Duvall came to the present farm and they have resided here ever since. Mr. Duvall cultivates his land, raises some good stock and also is interested in dairying.

Mr. Duvall married Miss Maggie J. Marker, who was born in East Pike Run Township and her parents both died on that farm. They were Lewis and Eliza (Williams) Marker, the former of whom was born in Beaver County, Pa., and the latter in West Pike Run Township. They had five children: John, William, Maggie J., James and Charles, the last named being now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall have three children: Charles; John Lewis, who married Pearl Myers, has three children—Naoma, Velma and Sarah Margaret; and Aaron McKinley. Mr. Duvall takes no very active interest in politics, but is always to be found lending his influence in public matters to the side of law and order.

BENJAMIN BEDELL LYTLE, one of Finleyville's representative business men, dealing in hardware, flour, feed and farm implements, has been a resident of this county all his life, and he was born on his grandfather's farm in Union Township, October 11, 1871. His parents were William Gaston and Amanda J. (Bedell) Lytle.

Few families in this section can more clearly trace their ancestry than the Lytles. The first of the name came from Ireland to Western Pennsylvania, settling

in what was a tangled wilderness, now Snowden Township, Allegheny County. They were killed by the Indians and the survivors were Robert Lytle and a sister, Robert lived on what is now the Sheplar farm, married and reared a family. One of his sons, Joseph Lytle, lived in Westmoreland County and followed farming there. One of his sons, Benjamin Lytle, the grandfather of Benjamin B. Lytle, settled at what is now Gastonville, at an early time, and ran a cooper shop there. He married Arsulla Farland, who survived him. They had nine children, as follows: William G.; Mary Jane, wife of William Bates; Joseph F.; Josephine, wife of Emmett Ross; Isaac; Anna S., wife of Elmer Murry; and James E., John H. and Theodosia.

William Gaston Lytle was born at Gastonville, Pa., July 30, 1839, spent his boyhood on the farm and was engaged in farming more or less all through his active life. He also learned the cooper trade and worked in his father's shop, usually occupying his winters at the trade. On February 14, 1869, he married Miss Amanda J. Bedell, a daughter of A. W. Bedell, of Jefferson Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and they had two children: Sarah and Benjamin B. The former is the wife of G. W. Dill.

Benjamin B. Lytle attended the Union Township schools and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age and then entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and worked ten years as a fireman for that company. In 1894 he settled at Finleyville and became a merchant and has done a very prosperous business, being located on the corner of Washington avenue. In 1907 he put in a stock of five and ten-cent articles, thus adding a popular feature to his trade and this has been a very satisfactory venture.

Mr. Lytle was married in April, 1903, to Miss Julia Moore who was born in the State of New York, a daughter of William Moore. They have three children: Romaine, William McBurney and Mary. The family residence is on Washington street.

In politics, Mr. Lytle is a Democrat. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, the B. P. O. E. No. 455 at Monongahela and Iron City Lodge, B. of L. F. & E., at Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT S. STEWART, M. D., one of Washington's best known men of medical science and for years a leading and useful citizen, is a representative of one of the oldest and most honorable families of Washington County. He was born in Canton Township, Washington County, June 23, 1837, his parents being John W. and Jane (McCall) Stewart.

John W. Stewart was born in 1806 in Chartiers Township and was a son of Thomas Stewart, whose father, in very early times, founded the family in this section.

John W. Stewart was a general farmer and raised much stock. He married Jane McCall, who was also born in Chartiers Township, and to them were born four sons and two daughters, the two surviving members of the family being, Dr. Robert S. and Anna M., the latter of whom is the wife of Samuel Wright, of Taylorstown, Pa.

Robert S. Stewart was reared on the home farm and in boyhood attended the district schools and later, as his plans for other than an agricultural life matured, he became a student at Buffalo Academy and Westminster College. Four years he taught school, during this period doing his early medical reading. He continued his study of medicine during one year in the medical department of the University of Michigan and later in the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated from the latter institution in 1869. For two years thereafter he engaged in the practice of medicine at West Middletown, Washington County, and then moved to a point near McKeesport, Allegheny County, where he continued in active practice for twenty-two years. In 1893 he returned to Washington County and has been identified with the interests of Washington ever since. He is very closely associated with medical affairs in the county and was one of the incorporators of the City Hospital, of which Washington is justly proud. He is a member of its board of directors and is also on its medical staff. He is a valued member of both county and State medical societies and also of the American Medical Association. He has ever been an active citizen, deeming it the duty of every one who is in the enjoyment of the well ordered civic life which surrounds and protects him, to lend his influence to sustain and promote good government.

On May 1, 1870, Dr. Stewart was married to Miss Harriet A. Davis, of Washington County. They have an adopted daughter, Irene, who is now the wife of Ray G. Courson. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the United Presbyterian Church and he is a member of the Sessions. Politically he is a Republican.

ROBERT S. CALDWELL, a substantial and representative citizen of Mt. Pleasant Township, who resides on his well improved farm of 126 acres, lying one and one-quarter miles northeast of Hickory, Pa., was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, February 26, 1875. His father and mother were James and Nancy (Smith) Caldwell.

William Caldwell, the grandfather, was probably born in Ireland and family records show that he came to Washington County in 1810 and settled in what is now Mt. Pleasant Township. His first marriage with a Miss Moore, resulted in the birth of two children: James and Isabel. The second marriage of William Caldwell was to Sarah French, and five children were born to that

union: Maria, David, Anna, Hattie and a babe that died in childhood. William Caldwell lived for two years at Raccoon and then returned to his farm, where the remainder of his life was spent. He was a Whig in politics. In him the Mt. Pleasant Hickory Church found an exemplary member and liberal supporter.

James Caldwell, father of Robert S., was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, in 1835. He attended school in a log building used for school purposes and continued to live on the home farm until within one year of his death, when he retired and removed to Hickory, where he passed away in 1905. His widow survives and still resides at Hickory, where she is highly esteemed by her circle of friends and church members. James Caldwell was active in church and Sunday-school work, serving as an elder in the Hickory Church and as superintendent of the school. He was a great advocate of temperance and was identified with the Prohibition party.

Robert S. Caldwell obtained his primary education in the Cockin District School, near his father's homestead, and later attended Hickory Academy for two years, after which he entered Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, with the intention of preparing for one of the professions. Sickness in the family at home, however, recalled him in his first term and as he found he was needed to take charge of the farm, he never returned to college. After his marriage he settled on his present farm, which his father had purchased from W. S. White, a good property at that time, but one which Mr. Caldwell saw that he could vastly improve both in appearance and productiveness. He has erected fine new buildings which can be seen from the public highway and has made many improvements all over the place. He cultivates the usual grains that do well in this section, tilling 120 acres, and has some thoroughbred Holstein cattle that he is justly proud of. He ships about 20,000 gallons of milk yearly. He is one of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank of Hickory; of the Midway National Bank of Midway; and also of the Guardian Trust Company of Pittsburgh. The coal under the farm has been sold to the Pittsburgh Coal Company, but there are no banks open. Some tests have been made for oil and gas, but not enough to decide whether further operations would be profitable in that direction. In the meanwhile, Mr. Caldwell has one of the best farms in the township and under his capable management its pro rata production of grain to the acre, is yearly increasing.

On November 20, 1902, Mr. Caldwell was married to Miss Jane Timmons, a daughter of Joseph Timmons, and they have had four children: Robert Timmons, Jane E. and two infants, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell attend the United Presbyterian Church. In politics, he is identified with the Republican party.

CHARLES F. FERGUSON, manager of the Canonsburg Opera House, at Canonsburg, Pa., is one of the borough's leading citizens and occupies a handsome residence at No. 252 North Central avenue. He was born at Coal Center, Washington County, Pa., June 1, 1879, and is a son of John and Annie Ferguson.

The parents of Mr. Ferguson spent many years of their lives at points along the Monongahela River, and the father died at Smithton, Pa., in August, 1903. He was a miner and became a contractor, his work being the sinking of shafts and putting in drifts in coal mines. His widow survives and resides with a daughter at Brownsville, Pa. The family consisted of three daughters and one son, the latter being Charles F. Ferguson, of Canonsburg.

Until he was twelve years old, Mr. Ferguson attended the Sisters' school at Irwin, Pa., and then became a miner and spent the greater part of three years underground, performing the lighter duties of the work, and was then given more responsibility, being made a driver and later a trip-rider and during this time learned enough about the management of the boilers to be made a stationary engineer. He earned further promotion through his carefulness and industry, becoming outside foreman at the Somers mine at Belle Vernon. He then became interested in the workings of the electrical machinery and shortly absorbed enough of the practical part of the work to gain his standing as a master mechanic and electrician. In that capacity he was with the Pittsburg Coal Company and the Dunkirk Coal Company and also the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, and in 1907 he passed the State examination as an electrical engineer. He also served as mine boss of the Prairie mine at Clarksburg, W. Va. Prior to coming to Canonsburg he was mine electrician at the Knobb and Baumont coal mines for the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke Company for five years. Mr. Ferguson then retired from mine work and turned his attention to theatrical matters, opening the Canonsburg Opera House on February 1, 1909. He has prospered in this as in his other undertakings. He admits attractions of high moral tone only, giving two performances to the public nightly, the seating capacity of the building being 1,000, and has gained the confidence of the community by never advertising any feature he does not give, and its approval, by catering to a high class of patronage. He contemplates extending his business connections in this line of work, possibly in the future having a large circuit under his control. Mr. Ferguson deserves the name of self-made man, of which there can be no more honorable title given to an independent American citizen.

Mr. Ferguson was married October 14, 1902, to Miss Mary J. McCullough, of Smithton, Pa., a daughter of

Daniel McCullough, now a resident of South Canonsburg. They have three children: Irene, Charles and Daniel. Mr. Ferguson is identified with the Elks and the order of Moose.

THOMAS H. McNARY, one of the leading jewelers and opticians of Washington, Pa., was born in 1872, in Washington County, Pa., and is a son of J. D. McNary.

Thomas H. McNary received his educational training in the schools of Washington, and in 1891 entered the jewelry store of A. A. Pool, with whom he learned the trade and with whom he remained about four years. He then spent some years in the same business at Wilmington, Del., New York City and Washington, D. C., after which he returned to Washington, Pa., in 1901, and purchased his present jewelry store from his former employer, A. A. Pool, and has since been successfully engaged in that business. Mr. McNary has for three years been president of the Washington Board of Trade, to which office he has recently been re-elected. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington, in which he has served on the official board. In fraternal circles he is prominent in Masonry, in which he has attained the 32nd degree; is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery at Washington and the Consistory at Pittsburg. He was one of the organizers and charter member of the Bassett Club.

In 1902, Mr. McNary was joined in marriage with Susan G. Morrow, of Wilmington, Del., and they have two sons, Charles F. and Thomas W.

FRANK BEBOUT, one of the leading funeral directors and furniture dealers of Monongahela City, Pa., who has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, was born Dec. 28, 1865, at Canonsburg, Pa., a son of David R. and Dorothy (McMurry) Eebout. This branch of the Bebout family was established in Washington County, Pa., by John Bebout, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and at an early period came to this part of the State from New Jersey. He was the father of ten children: William; Sarah, who married a Mr. McLain; Susan (Mrs. Long); Israel; Peter, grandfather of subject; John; Mary (Mrs. John Haines); Israel; Elizabeth, (Mrs. Weaver); and Ira.

Peter Bebout, grandfather of subject, was born and reared on the home farm near Canonsburg, Pa., and served in the War of 1812, enlisting from Ohio. He was married in 1805 to Betsey Kinney, also a native of Washington County, Pa., and shortly afterward moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, where the following children were born: John, William, Peter, James, Israel, Sarah, Elias and Elizabeth, all now deceased. Betsey Bebout died in Jefferson County, Ohio, and Peter subsequently married Isabella Cooper, by whom he became



FRANK BEBOUT



the father of eleven children: Mary Jane, who married William Hays, both deceased; Susan, married William Bebout; Ira, deceased; Margaret, married Cephas Cochran, both are deceased; David R., the father of subject; Isabella, deceased wife of John Crouch, also deceased; Joshua; Stephen; Martha J., deceased; Caroline, deceased wife of Joseph Means, deceased; and Herman. Peter Bebout died on his farm near Canonsburg, Pa., Apr. 12, 1860.

David Bebout, father of subject, was born Sept. 3, 1832, on the home farm near Canonsburg, where he remained until 15 years of age, after which he spent five years learning the cabinet-maker's trade with Joseph Huston, of Canonsburg, and two years as a journeyman, and then conducted a cabinet shop and furniture store at Canonsburg for many years, and subsequently became the first station agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Canonsburg, resigning that position ten years later on account of ill health. Then he retired to his farm north of Canonsburg, but for some time has been a resident of Canonsburg, Pa. He was married to Dorothy McMurry, a native of Washington County, Pa., and a daughter of James McMurry, who came to the United States at the age of 6 weeks from County Tyrone, Ireland, with his widowed mother, who settled in Washington, Pa., and of their union were born the following children: Catherine, who is the wife of S. W. McNary; James C.; Mary Isabella, who is the wife of William Greer; Frank, the subject of this sketch; Martha, who married William McCorkle; Elizabeth, who married L. C. Fox; and Dorothy, who died in infancy. Dorothy (McMurry) Bebout died May 24, 1903.

Frank Bebout was reared at Canonsburg, Pa., where he attended the public schools and the Jefferson Academy and in 1889 came to Monongahela City, where he entered the employ of W. A. Patterson, a furniture dealer, with whom he continued until January, 1892, when he became a member of the firm, Patterson & Bebout, funeral directors and furniture dealers of Monongahela City. Mr. Patterson died in 1895 and the following year Mr. Bebout became sole owner of the establishment, which covers three floors of the main building, with two additional rooms. Mr. Bebout received a diploma from Clark's Embalming School of Pittsburg, Pa., and is recognized as one of the leading funeral directors and furniture dealers of the city. He was married Apr. 29, 1891, to Price Patterson, who is a daughter of Joseph Patterson, deceased, who was one of the pioneer grocers of Monongahela City, and of their union was born one daughter, Ruth.

Mr. Bebout is fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M., and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the school board, a director of the City Library, president of the Y. M. C. A., and holds

membership with the Presbyterian Church, of which he is also an elder.

JOHN W. CLUTTER, one of East Finley Township's prominent and substantial men, secretary of the school board and road supervisor, owns a large amount of valuable land in this section, his home farm containing 125 acres. He was born in Amwell Township, near Point Lookout, Washington County, Pa., in 1852, and is a son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Sanders) Clutter.

The grandfather of Mr. Clutter was Isaac Clutter, who was of German parentage, but was born in Washington County, near Prosperity. He resided there for many years, but prior to his death purchased and moved to a farm in Greene County. His son Christopher and family accompanied him to Greene County. Christopher Clutter died in 1906 and his burial was at Claysville. He had survived his wife since 1884. They had the following children: John V.; Isaac P., who is now deceased; Annie Elizabeth, who married James Ely, of East Finley Township; Thomas P., who is deceased; George B., who resides at Pleasant Grove; Mary M., who died when aged fifteen years; Sadie, who married Henry Byers, of East Finley Township; and Christopher W., who is an engineer and is employed in that great undertaking, the building of the Panama Canal.

John W. Clutter obtained his education in the schools of Greene County as he was small when his parents moved there. When eighteen years old he began to devote all his time to farming and for three years carried it on quite successfully. In 1877 he opened up a country produce store on Diamond Square, Pittsburg, and continued in business there for eleven years and then sold out, determining to return to agricultural pursuits. He purchased that year one farm of ninety-five acres in East Finley Township and another farm of 108 acres adjoining his home farm of 125 acres. Mr. Clutter makes sheep raising a feature of his farming and is one of the large growers in East Finley Township. While he has been a remarkably successful man in his various undertakings, he owes his prosperity entirely to his own efforts and he has been heard to remark that the only money he has ever received beyond what he worked for, has been the income from a gas well on his place, which has already paid him \$3,300. A good business man is always valuable to his community in public office and Mr. Clutter has frequently been elected to responsible positions in East Finley Township. He has served continuously as secretary of the school board for the past five years, and during his present term as road supervisor, has rebuilt one mile of the public highway in the most substantial manner. He has also served as a director of the Claysville Cemetery Association since 1895. To all offices of a public character he gives

the same close and careful attention which he has bestowed on his own affairs. In politics he is a Democrat and in 1908 was sent as a delegate to the State Convention at Harrisburg.

Mr. Clutter was married (first) in 1880 to Miss Minnie E. Herzog, who died in 1895. She was a daughter of George and Barbara Herzog, of Smithport, McKean County, Pa. Two children were born to this union: Arthur and Harry T. Arthur conducts a milk business at his father's old stand in Pittsburg. He married Bernice Campbell of that city and they have one son, Merrill. Harry T. Clutter has recently bought a farm near Ashtabula, Ohio. He married Flossie Carroll, a daughter of Anderson and Annie Carroll, of East Finley Township, and they have one son, Christopher Carroll. In 1896, Mr. Clutter was married (second) to Mrs. Nettie A. (Denn) Rice, widow of Fred Rice, late of Ronlette, Potter County, Pa. Mrs. Rice had one son, Fred E., who resides at home. Mr. and Mrs. Clutter have had two children: Grace M., who was born in 1898 and died in 1905, and Walter Dean, who was born in January, 1902. Mr. Clutter and family are members and liberal supporters of the Baptist Church at Claysville. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Lodge No. 182 at Pittsburg and of Pittsburg Encampment No. 2.

ROBERT D. McCLEERY, who is a representative of one of the old Scotch-Irish pioneer families of Washington County, Pa., has been a resident of West Alexander, Pa., since 1902. He is a son of the late Alexander and Mary (Davidson) McCleery and was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., April 19, 1861.

Mr. McCleery's education was secured in the public schools of West Finley Township and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. On October 5, 1897, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Blayne, daughter of James and Linda (Gillilan) Blayne, residents of West Alexander, Pa. He is a member of and active in the business affairs of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McCleery's main business in life has been along agricultural lines. He owns 382 acres of valuable farming and grazing land in Donegal and West Finley Townships, where he resided until removing to West Alexander. In politics he is a Republican. He is a director in the West Alexander National Bank and prominent in the business affairs of the town and community.

Alexander McCleery, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in West Finley Township, and died there November 11, 1897, after a long and useful career. He served two years as county commissioner and four terms, twenty years, as a justice of the peace. In his views on public questions he was clear-headed and broad-minded. In early years he was a Free soiler, but later

became identified with the Republican party. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church.

R. L. HETHERINGTON, who resides on his valuable, well improved farm of 218 acres, situated in Somerset Township, about three miles north of Bentleyville, was born near Jonestown, in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., April 1, 1848, and is a son of Abraham and Sarah (Hughes) Hetherington.

Abraham Hetherington was born in 1814, on what was then farming land in Somerset Township, but is now the site of the town or borough of Bentleyville. His father, Hughie Hetherington, was born in Ireland and came to Washington County as a young man, locating on the farm land above mentioned. The maternal grandfather was Remembrance Hughes, who was born in Greene County, Pa., but died in California. Mrs. Hetherington was born and reared in Greene County. After marriage, Abraham Hetherington and wife settled first in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, but later moved to Iowa. The climate of that State did not agree with Mr. Hetherington, which caused him to return to Washington County and he spent the remainder of his life at Bentleyville, where he survived into old age, his death occurring March 30, 1904, when in his ninetieth year. His wife died in 1894. They were most worthy and respected people.

R. L. Hetherington grew to manhood on the farm near Bentleyville and has followed farming and stock raising ever since gaining an age to direct his own industries. He came to his present farm in 1875, where he makes growing grain and raising stock his specialties. His full name, which he shortens for convenience, is Remembrance Lindsay Hetherington, in memory of his maternal grandfather, a name that indicates Puritan ancestry.

Mr. Hetherington married Miss Mary Jane Myers, a daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Myers) Myers, old residents of Somerset Township, where Mrs. Hetherington was born and reared. Five children have been born to the above marriage: Mary Capitola, wife of William M. Gault, of Charleroi; Guy M., who married Mary Cassandra Williams; Thomas, who resides in Monongahela City; married Mabel Bennett; Sallie Leota, who is the wife of Andrew Crouch, of Somerset Township; and one that died in infancy.

WILLIAM HOCKLEY, who has been a resident of Washington for over a quarter of a century, does an extensive business in stone contracting and house raising, his reliability in all this kind of work having long been established. He was born in England, May 28, 1844, and obtained his education in the schools of his native land.



Mr. Hockley has led an active and honorable life. For ten years he served in the Royal Engineer Corps in the English Army, after which he learned the trade of stone-mason, and from 1867 until 1870 he was employed at his trade working on the fortifications of mighty Gibraltar. He was thirty four years old when he came to America and he located first at Pittsburg, where he found employment on a boat on the river and then he did construction work for two years on the Davis Island dam. Mr. Hockley came from there to Washington and for about 20 years followed contract bridge building, and fully 100 of the substantial bridges in different parts of Washington County were built by contract by Mr. Hockley. His work covers stone contracting, house moving, smoke-stack raising and bridge building, each line requiring that certain knowledge and exact calculation which Mr. Hockley has acquired through his many years of experience.

In December, 1882, Mr. Hockley was married to Miss Mary Lavinia Day, a daughter of John Nelson Day, an old family of property in Washington County, residents of Morris Township. Mrs. Hockley is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their beautiful home is situated at No. 302 Duncan Ave., Washington.

SAMUEL MILLER DOWNER, a member of the well known real estate and insurance firm of Downer & Hamilton of Monongahela City, Pa., has practically been a lifelong resident of this city, but was born June 12, 1860, in Fayette City, Pa., and is a son of Eliphalet and Catherine (Procia) Downer.

Eliphalet Downer, who was a native of Elizabeth, Pa., spent his entire life along the Monongahela River, and was a tinner by trade. After learning his trade at Pittsburg, he returned to Elizabeth for a time, then removed to Fayette City, Pa., where he remained until 1860 working at his trade, and at that time came to Monongahela City, where his death occurred at the age of 66 years. He was married in Jefferson County, Pa., to Catherine Procia, who was of German extraction, and of their union were born the following children: William S.; Mary E., deceased; Samuel Miller; Jennie; Eve C., who is the wife of Prof. Edwin W. Chubb; James E.; Harry R.; and Charles D.

Samuel M. Downer was but three months old when his parents came to Monongahela City, where he was reared and attended the public schools. At the age of 15 years he took up the tin roofing trade with his father, and one year later began looking after his father's outside interests, and remained with him until about 1894, when he embarked in the real estate business in partnership with John M. Grable, of one of the old established real estate firms of Monongahela City. The business was conducted under the firm name of Grable & Downer until the death

of Mr. Grable in 1903, and in June, 1904, T. A. Hamilton became a member of the firm, which is now known as Downer & Hamilton, their offices being located at No. 305 Main Street, where they engage in large real estate operations. Mr. Downer is chairman of the Monongahela Chamber of Commerce, and was one of the organizers of the Monongahela City Gas Company, of which he has been president since its organization. He is identified with the Republican party in politics, has served on the city council, was city treasurer. In fraternal circles he holds membership with the Junior O. U. A. M., of which he is the oldest past counselor, and the B. P. O. E.

On Nov. 1, 1886, Mr. Downer was joined in marriage with Ella Kern, a daughter of Godfrey and Mary E. Kern of Monongahela City, and to them have been born the following children: Godfrey K., a student at Harvard University; Catherine; and Eliphalet. Mr. Downer resides in a comfortable home, located on the corner of Meade and Lincoln Streets.

JAMES MARTIN TEMPLETON, whose entire life has been spent at Canonsburg or in the vicinity of the borough, resides in one of the beautiful homes of the place, which is situated at No. 255 North Jefferson Avenue. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 26, 1856, and is a son of James M. and Elizabeth (McNary) Templeton.

The father of Mr. Templeton was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, and was a son of David and Mary (Martin) Templeton. The latter was the first wife of David Templeton and they had three children: John, Margaret and James. For his second wife he married Jane McNary, and they had the following children: Matthew, Thomas, David, Anna and Joseph. James M. Templeton was married (first) to Elizabeth McNary, and they had three sons, namely: Joseph McNary, a resident of South Canonsburg, married a widow, Mrs. McDonough; David, who died at the age of nine years; and James Martin. The mother of the above children was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, in 1825, and died in 1859. Her father was Joseph McNary, one of the old settlers of the county. James M. Templeton was married (second) to Miss Mary McCoy, who still survives. There were two children born to that union: Martha Jane, who is the wife of Robert Hemphill, residing on Greenside avenue, Canonsburg; and William Hunter, who also resides at Canonsburg. James M. Templeton was born in 1828 and died in the summer of 1891. He was long a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church. Prior to moving to Canonsburg, in 1875, he was a farmer in Chartiers Township, but in later years his health failed and he lived retired. In politics he was a Republican.

James Martin Templeton attended the public schools

of Chartiers Township, after which he learned the painting trade, with L. D. Smith of Canonsburg, and has followed the same for thirty-three years. He is one of the borough's best-known and most highly respected citizens.

In 1883 Mr. Templeton was married to Miss Harriet B. Cochran, a daughter of Samuel and Matilda Cochran, of Canonsburg. They have two daughters and one son: Ethel Matilda, Mary Elizabeth and Paul Cochran, the latter of whom is in the office of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works. Mr. Templeton and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg. In politics he is a Republican and for three years he served acceptably as a member of the Borough Council. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

ANDREW NICHOLS, who is a prosperous general farmer in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, owns 126 acres of excellent land, situated within two and one-half miles of that city, and was born in Ireland and came to America in 1851.

On July 8, 1854, Mr. Nichols was married to Rachel Patterson, who died January 21, 1908. She was a daughter of William and Jane (Kennedy) Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols had the following children: Martha; Anna, who married Samuel P. Farley; Edward; Sarah J., who is deceased; James; John, who married Jennie Johnston; and Rachel, who is deceased.

After marriage Mr. Nichols resided in the city of Philadelphia for a short time and then came to a farm near Washington, later moving to the farm which he still owns. He had few improvements to make, as substantial buildings were on the place. Later he sold the coal. He carries on general farming and stock raising. In politics he is a Democrat. With his family he attends the Second United Presbyterian Church at Washington. He is one of South Strabane Township's most highly respected citizens.

HON. HUGH J. GILMORE, one of Washington's highly esteemed retired citizens, whose beautiful mansion is situated at No. 297 East Beau street, has passed almost a quarter of a century here and has been closely associated with business interests and public affairs. He was born in German Township, Fayette County, Pa., April 11, 1830, and remained there until he came to Washington.

For a number of years prior to taking up his residence in this city Mr. Gilmore engaged in farming in Fayette County. He had been active in politics since early manhood and was a leader in Democratic circles in Fayette County. Under the administration of the late ex-President Cleveland he was a ganger in the United States revenue service in charge of a number of distilleries along the Monongahela River and later was engaged in

the grain business for some years prior to retirement. In the spring of 1883 Mr. Gilmore was elected to the State Legislature and served acceptably at Harrisburg and later filled many local offices at Washington with the greatest efficiency.

Mr. Gilmore was married October 3, 1867, to Miss Emily J. Weltner, and they have two daughters, Kate and Elizabeth S., both graduates of the Washington Seminary. The former is the wife of Frank E. Smith, who owns a large vineyard and farm in Washington County and is a dealer in mineral waters and resides on McKennan avenue, Washington. The younger daughter is the wife of Jacob U. Bumgarner, who is engaged in manufacturing in Washington, and they reside with Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore. Mr. Gilmore and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Washington.

JOHN M. McILVAINE, who owns 77 acres of valuable land in Mt. Pleasant Township, now lives retired after many years of successful agricultural labor, and has resided in the vicinity of Hickory since boyhood. He was born on Pigeon Creek, Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., about two miles from Bentlyville, Apr. 15, 1821, and was baptized there by Dr. John McMillen, the first minister of Washington County. His parents were Garvin and Jane (Ferguson) McIlvaine.

The grandparents of Mr. McIlvaine were Greer and Elizabeth (Morrow) McIlvaine, both of whom were natives of Cumberland County, Pa. From there they came to Washington County and in 1780 settled in Somerset Township. They were the parents of 16 children. Both died in Somerset Township and were buried in the Pigeon Creek Cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Garvin McIlvaine was born and reared in Somerset Township and lived at home until his first marriage and then moved to a farm near Hickory which he bought, the farm now owned by Justus Giffin, in Mt. Pleasant Township, and lived here during the remainder of his life. He died late in the sixties and both he and his second wife were interred at Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. He was a Republican in his political views and served in several township offices. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Garvin McIlvaine was married (first) to Jane Ferguson, a daughter of Robert Ferguson. She died in 1823 and was buried at Pigeon Creek, in Somerset Township. Four children survived her, namely: Lydia, who married John Phillips; William G., who married and moved to Memphis, Tenn., where he died; Robert F., who married a Miss Finley, of Westmoreland County; and John M. The second marriage of Garvin McIlvaine was to Jane Bratton and eight children were born to that union, as follows: Harvey, Anna



JOHN M. McILVAINE



Eliza, Joseph L., Isabel, Boyd, Mary Esther, James and Ellen.

John M. Melvaine attended school both in Somerset and Mt. Pleasant Townships, these being mostly subscription schools. He remained at home helping his father, accompanying him when he moved to the different farms and finally becoming the owner of the present one, which he rented for a time before purchasing it. For many years he was a very active general farmer and dealer in sheep and wool and was considered an excellent judge of both land and cattle. On May 1, 1856, he married Margaret Ann Carter, who died Mar. 26, 1864, and was buried in the Hickory Cemetery. They had three children, namely: Anna Jane, who married William Small, of Washington, Pa.; Maria Belle, who is her father's loving companion and housekeeper; and William E., who married Anna Leech, who is a daughter of Pressly Leech, of Smith Township. Mr. Melvaine is a valued member of the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Prospect. In former years he was quite active in public matters and at different times was elected to responsible township offices on the Republican ticket. The first improved road in the township extends the entire length of his farm. He has lived through many changes of all kinds and his memory goes back to many interesting events in the history of this section of the county, with a number of which he was personally concerned. He has a wide acquaintance and is universally held in esteem.

JOSEPH A. MATCHETT, a well-known general farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Robeson Township, Washington County, Pa., who resides on a tract of ninety-seven acres, which is owned by his father, also operates a coal bank which is on the farm, and during the autumn of each year also operates a threshing and corn-husking machine. He was born May 14, 1866, in Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of Samuel G. and Sarah A. (McBride) Matchett, well-known farmers of Allegheny County, and the parents of the following children: Alexander Lee; Joseph A., our subject; Mary Louise, who is the wife of Dr. F. M. Cain of Brushton, Pa.; John Kennedy, deceased; and Zula Estella, deceased. The paternal grandparents of our subject were John W. and Mary Ann (Seantlon) Matchett, and the maternal grandparents were David and Eleanor (King) McBride.

Joseph A. Matchett was reared on the farm in Allegheny County, Pa., and subsequent to leaving school engaged for a time in teaming, but has followed general farming during the greater part of his life, and is one of the best-known citizens of Robeson Township. Politically Mr. Matchett is a Democrat, and is at present chairman of the board of road supervisors and also election judge. He is treasurer and a stockholder of the

Midway Mutual Telephone Company and auditor of the Oakdale Mutual Insurance Company.

In July, 1888, Mr. Matchett married Aldecenia Blanche Strous, a daughter of Josiah and Eleanor (Anderson) Strous, who were residents of Beaver County, Pa., and farmers by occupation. Mrs. Matchett has one sister, Emma J., who married J. Ray Reed, deceased; and one brother, Erret Delmar. To Mr. and Mrs. Matchett were born the following children: Zula Maude, who is a graduate of the Robeson Township High School; Neal Strous, who is pursuing a course of studies at the State Agricultural School; Eleanor Louise, who attends the Robeson Township High School; and Samuel D. C., who is attending the common schools of the township. Mr. Matchett and family attend the Presbyterian Church at Candor, Pa.

JOSHUA DICKERSON, justice of the peace in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., is a prominent, representative and substantial citizen of this section. He is a large land owner, having a valuable farm of 200 acres in South Franklin Township and a second farm of ninety acres, in Canton Township. He was born in South Franklin Township, January 3, 1845, and is a son of John and Mary (Adams) Dickerson.

John Dickerson, father of Justice Dickerson, was born also in Washington County and was a son of Joshua and Margaret (McPherson) Dickerson, the latter of whom was a daughter of Alexander McPherson, a native of Ireland, who secured the patent from the government for a part of the land which is the family home in South Franklin Township. The paternal grandfather, Joshua Dickerson, was a prominent man in Washington County, serving in the State Legislature, also as clerk in the land office and for a time was county surveyor. His father was Henry Dickerson, who was the founder of the family in Washington County and in all probability he was a Revolutionary soldier. The late John Dickerson spent his life in South Franklin Township. His occupation was farming. In politics a Republican, he frequently was elected by that organization to local offices, the duties of which he invariably discharged honestly. He married Mary Adams, who was born in Washington County and was reared on Brush Run in Hopewell Township. Her parents, Robert Adams and wife, came to this country from England, the voyage in a sailing vessel taking them six weeks. Of his children, one son, Joshua, alone resides in Washington County.

Joshua Dickerson grew to manhood on the old homestead and in the country schools he laid the foundation of an education which subsequent reading, study and experience have contributed to make an unusual one, fitting him not only for the ordinary duties of life but also for honorable public positions. His two large farms are devoted to general cultivation and stock raising.

Mr. Dickerson was married (first) to Miss Sarah Chambers, a daughter of the late Judge J. C. Chambers of Amwell Township, who was associate judge of Washington County, and to that union was born one son, Lewis B., who is a resident of South Franklin Township. Lewis B. Dickerson married Miss Elizabeth Sayres of Canton Township, her parents being natives of England. Judge Dickerson was married (second) to Miss Nancy J. Pipes, a daughter of Stephen Pipes of South Franklin Township. They are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren.

ALBERT S. JONES, a representative citizen of Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., owns and operates in partnership with his brother, Frank A. Jones, a very valuable farm of 274 acres. The township line passes through the farm, making fifteen acres a part of Fallowfield Township. This land lies six miles southwest of Monongahela City and four miles north of Bentleyville.

Both Albert S. and Frank A. Jones were born on this farm, the former in 1854 and the latter in 1858. The parents were William McC. and Sarah (Fulmer) Jones, the birth of the father also being on this farm, where the grandfather, William Jones, had settled when he came to Washington County from Maryland, in 1790, three years after the first settlements had been made in the township. Grandfather Jones spent the rest of his life on this farm, dying in 1865, when within forty days of having lived out a century. He purchased the land from a Mr. Morrison, who had the original patent from the government. It is a matter of pride with the Jones since that this land has never been out of the family since.

William Mc. Jones was reared on this farm and resided here until five years before his death, when he moved to Monongahela City, where more comforts could be provided for him, then a very aged man, and there his life closed, in his ninety-second year. Other members of the family have also been distinguished for longevity, one of his sisters, Ruth Jones, living to the age of ninety-four years. The mother of Albert S. Jones was born in Allegheny County, Pa., where she was living at the time of her marriage. There were eleven children born to William Mc. Jones and wife, and eight of these are living. The mother of this family died at Monongahela City when aged 69 years.

Albert S. Jones and brother were reared on the home farm. The former lives in Union Independent School District, which he has served as a director for twenty years. The present board is made up of the following representative citizens: J. S. Gamble, president; W. L. McIlvanie, secretary; and Albert S. Jones, James Summey, Joseph Kamerer and Melvin Oller. Mr. Jones was

married to Miss Frances Van Eman, and they have four children: Edith, Hazel, Mary and William. Mr. Jones has three brothers and four sisters, namely: Leonidas Fulmer, a soldier of the Civil War, who lives in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, O.; William, who lives at Homestead, Pa.; Frank A., unmarried, who is associated with Albert S. in farming and stock raising; Mrs. Mary Patton, who lives at Homestead; Mrs. Margaret Grable, who resides at Monongahela City; Mrs. Kate McMillen, who lives at Washington; and Miss Flora, who lives at Monongahela City.

JOHN H. PICKETT, agent for the United States Express Company, located at No. 171 South Main street, Washington, Pa., has been identified with the express business almost from boyhood. He was born at Washington, Pa., in 1866, and is a son of John Pickett, a well-known resident of this city.

John H. Pickett was educated in the public schools of Washington and his first work was done on the platform, for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and after four years there he was promoted to be driver, when this road established their delivery system at Washington. Three years were passed in that capacity and he made an excellent record, never failing in the delivery of the large amount of express that came into his hands during that time. The United States Express Company then bought out the Baltimore & Ohio and Mr. Pickett was appointed agent for the new company and has continued such ever since, now rounding out his period of thirty years in the business, and not once during all that period has his name been off the pay roll. He has an able and trustworthy assistant in his sister, Miss Mary Pickett, who has been cashier for the company for twenty years. Mr. Pickett is interested in real estate in this section and also in the Hazel Atlas Glass Company. He takes an interest in local politics to some degree, but has never consented to hold any office himself. He is a popular official, possessing the affable manner that the public so often vainly looks for in railroad and other officers who have necessary relations with it. Mr. Pickett is a member of the Catholic Church.

MRS. SARAH J. POTTER, widow of James Potter, who resides on her well-improved farm of fifty acres, situated in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., is one of the most highly esteemed residents of this section and the center of a large and prominent family. She was born in Ireland, in March, 1829, and is a daughter of William and Jane (Kennedy) Patterson.

Mrs. Potter came to America in 1850, when about twenty years of age and resided in the city of Philadelphia until her marriage to James Potter, which took place May 17, 1853. He was also born in Ireland and

was a son of Andrew Potter. By a previous marriage to Mary Milligan he had two children: Jane and Rachel, the latter of whom married George Long. To James and Sarah J. (Patterson) Potter the following children were born: Sarah, who married James Ferguson, of Philadelphia; Andrew; Mary Ann; Elizabeth, who married David Ross of South Strabane Township; Louisa, who married M. L. Crouch, lives in Charters Township; Nannie; Thomas; James; and William, who is deceased. Mrs. Potter has fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

While living in Philadelphia James Potter worked first as a weaver and later was employed in an oilcloth factory, after which he worked for eighteen years in a nursery. Then in 1863 he came to the present farm of fifty acres and immediately started to improve it. He built a new house and repaired all the buildings, made a comfortable home and provided a good living for his family. He was an enterprising and industrious man and was the first party who ever started to serve milk daily in the city of Washington. At first he carried the milk from his cows from house to house and at each door measured it out to the buyer. In this way he laid the foundation for a good trade which later was carried on with better accommodations. Mr. Potter's death occurred May 6, 1905. Mrs. Potter and family attend the United Presbyterian Church at Washington.

ROBERT VANCE STEWART, M. D., a prominent young physician of Monongahela City and a lifelong resident of Washington County, was born April 18, 1879, on a farm in Buffalo Township and is a son of John W. and Margaretta (Caldwell) Stewart.

John W. Stewart, who was born and reared on the old home farm in Buffalo Township, died in 1905, and was a son of John W. Stewart, Sr., who was one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County. He followed farming throughout his active career and married Margaretta Caldwell, a native of Washington County, who is still living on the home farm in Buffalo Township. They reared the following children: Robert Vance, the subject of this sketch; Irene, who married Charles Young; John Lloyd; and Edna.

Dr. Robert V. Stewart was reared on the farm in Buffalo Township, where he attended the district schools. He later attended a preparatory school at Washington, graduated from the Washington-Jefferson College in 1901 and subsequently entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1905. He then devoted eighteen months to hospital work, after which he engaged in the practice of his profession in Allegheny County for six months. In the spring of 1907 Dr. Stewart came to Monongahela City and opened an office in the Alexander Bank building, where he has since been located

and has acquired an extensive and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Washington County Medical Society and is one of the staff of the Monongahela Memorial Hospital. He belongs to the B. P. O. E. of Monongahela City. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

On July 7, 1909, Dr. Stewart was united in marriage with Amelia Ammon, who is a daughter of Cornelius and Amelia Ammon, and they reside in a comfortable home on Chess street. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

DAVID E. SLOAN, M. D., one of the prominent physicians of Charleroi, who, in connection with his general practice, makes a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in this city since 1897, and his office and laboratory, which are located in the Masonic Temple, are equipped with the latest medical apparatus, including an X-ray machine. He was born on a farm in Salem Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., September 1, 1864, and is a son of John and Prudence (Bucannan) Sloan.

The Sloan family has been established in Westmoreland County, Pa., since the time of the Revolutionary War, the grandfather and father of our subject both having been born in Salem Township. John Sloan was born in 1828, a son of James Sloan, and was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in June, 1909, and his wife passed away in 1904.

Dr. David E. Sloan spent his early boyhood days on the home farm, and the house in which he was born, built in 1804, is still standing, as is also the old barn, which was built in 1816. When about fifteen years old he entered the Academy at Delmont, Westmoreland County, and after completing his studies there taught for two years in Delmont. In 1882 he went to Colorado, returning to Westmoreland County in 1888, entering the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1903. He then spent one year in the St. Francis Hospital at Pittsburg, after which he was assistant demonstrator of anatomy at the Western University of Pennsylvania for four years, during which time he was also engaged in general practice in the Twelfth ward of Pittsburg, Pa. Dr. Sloan took a postgraduate course in the New York Post Graduate Medical College in 1904.

Dr. Sloan was united in marriage with Genevieve Alexander, and they have one daughter, Genevieve. Dr. Sloan resides in a comfortable and commodious residence at No. 601 Shady avenue.

J. F. BALDWIN, a representative business man of Washington, of which city he has been a resident for

twenty-two years, conducts a meat business at No. 98 North Main street and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest dealer in his line in this city and one of the leading ones. He was born on the old McClain farm in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1853, and is a son of Cephas D. and Martha Thompson (Jamison) Baldwin.

The grandfather, Francis Baldwin, was one of the early settlers in Washington County and his burial was the first in the old Bethel churchyard at Van Buren. Cephas D. Baldwin was born in South Franklin Township in 1833, followed farming all his life and died in 1885. He married a daughter of Francis Jamison and they had seven children born to them, the three survivors being: J. F.; T. H. B., who resides at Iowa City, Iowa; and Tacy, who is the wife of Philip Homer, of South Franklin Township.

J. F. Baldwin remained on the old home farm until he was thirty-five years old, coming to Washington in April, 1888, and immediately embarked in the meat business, which he has continued ever since. He has some other interests, one of these being dealing in high-class light harness horses.

On June 6, 1877, Mr. Baldwin was married to Miss Sarah Jane Myers, who was born in East Finley Township and is a daughter of W. B. Myers. They have two children: Alice Winona and Rachel Thompson. The former, who is a graduate of the Washington Seminary, is a popular teacher at Washington. The latter is the wife of Rev. J. C. Wilkinson, who is president of the Baptist College at Milltown, Ga. Mr. Baldwin has been an earnest and useful citizen and is widely known and universally esteemed.

JOSIAH Q. COOPER, farmer and blacksmith, whose valuable tract of twenty-one acres of land is situated in South Strabane Township, one and one-half miles north of Washington, was born at Washington, Pa., May 30, 1832, and is a son of John and Beulah (Fisher) Cooper.

John Cooper was probably born in the vicinity of Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pa., for he came from there to Washington, Pa., and for many years afterward conducted a blacksmith shop. Subsequently he acquired a farm of fifty-four acres. Mr. Cooper's twenty-one-acre tract being a part of the same. He was a strong Democrat in his political opinions and religiously was inclined to accept the doctrines advanced by that great religious leader, Alexander Campbell. His death occurred in 1884, when he was eighty-two years of age, and both he and his wife were buried in the Washington cemetery. She was a daughter of William T. Fisher of Philadelphia. They had six children, Josiah Q. being the oldest. The others were: Mary Ann and Eliza Jane, both now deceased; Margaret Ellen, who is the wife of John Mc-

Guffin, of Washington; Sophia H., who is the wife of Samuel Weaver, of Canonsburg; Emma K., who married (first) Enoch Young, and after his death P. O. Vaale, and they reside at Sheridan, Ore.

Josiah Q. Cooper attended the Dagg and other district schools in South Strabane Township. In 1849 he began to work at the blacksmith trade and also engaged in farming until he settled on his present farm, when he gave his entire attention to it for some seven years. When he built a shop on his own land it was more for the accommodation of his neighbors than a desire to return to his trade, but he still works at his forge with old-time vigor and exactness and has considerable custom. In addition to his farm he owns three lots and two houses in Washington, finding no trouble in renting this property. In politics he is a Democrat and several times has served as judge of elections and in the office of township assessor. He has been a member of the Mechanics' Institute since youth and belongs also to Lodge No. 81, Odd Fellows, at Washington. There have been military heroes among his kindred, his grandfather having been a veteran of the War of 1812 and relationship also existing with Gen. U. S. Grant, the great war President of the United States.

ROBERT CAIN, residing in his pleasant home, which is situated at No. 335 Ridge avenue, Canonsburg, Pa., for the past twenty-three years, has been superintendent of the gas business of Senator Budke, at this place. Mr. Cain is also an honored veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Canonsburg, May 31, 1846, and is a son of Matthew and Mary Cain.

Both parents of Mr. Cain were natives of Canonsburg and both died here, the father in 1899 and the mother in 1900, their age being about seventy-two years. There were five sons and one daughter in the family, namely: Robert; George, residing in Philadelphia; Thomas and Mathew, both residing at Houstonville; John, deceased; and Eleanor, wife of Charles Dickson, of East End, Pittsburg.

Robert Cain attended the public schools at Canonsburg and the old school on the Morganza farm and learned the carpenter trade, which was the one his father followed. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Co. L, 4th Pa. Vol. Cav., and saw hard service. He took part in many of the most serious engagements of the whole struggle, including Gettysburg, Spottsylvania Court House and the Wilderness, and remained until the final surrender of Gen. Lee, and he was honorably discharged and mustered out at Lynchburg, Va., after two years, nine months and eighteen days. On his return Mr. Cain engaged in farming in Cecil Township, near Canonsburg, for three years, after which he worked for five years at the carpenter trade



and then entered the employ of Senator Budke, in the gas business.

In 1872 Mr. Cain was married to Miss Maggie Mardath of Oakdale, Allegheny County, Pa., a daughter of John and Mary Ann Mardath. To this marriage the following children were born: Mary Ella, Clara Belle, Maud, Andrew Giffin and Della Marie. The two latter reside at home, the son being a mill man. The eldest daughter married William Collor and they reside at Williamstown, W. Va. They have four children: Florence June, Robert Giffin, Frank and Eddie. Clara Belle married Leonard Nead and they reside on Bessemer Terrace, East Pittsburgh, and have two children: Robert Kenneth and Margaret Kathryn. Maud married Edward Jones and they reside in the Fortieth ward, Pittsburgh. They have three children: Robert Craddock, Edward Sheldon and Arthur Charles. Mr. Cain and family are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. He is identified with Sergt. Thomas Paxton Post, G. A. R., at Canonsburg, and he belongs also to the order of Royal Arcanum.

ALEXANDER BURKETT, who conducts a blacksmith business at Midway, Pa., and owns valuable real estate in the borough, was born in Allegheny County, Pa., May 2, 1863, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (Churchfield) Burkett. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Burkett were Alexander and Margaret (Sieglar) Burkett, and on the maternal side they were John and Sarah (Flaharty) Churchfield.

The parents of Mr. Burkett were farming people and were well known in the part of Allegheny County in which they resided. Their family consisted of the following children: Emma E., who married Burt Estep; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Thomas Gladden; William; Margaret, who is the wife of Edward Dillon; Mary Jane, who is the wife of Hugh Walker; Sophia, who is the wife of William Churchfield; Harriet, who is the wife of John Dewalt; Alexander, and two who died in infancy.

Alexander Burkett had only common school advantages. He helped his father on the farm from boyhood until he was eighteen years of age, when he learned the blacksmith trade and has followed it ever since, opening his shop in 1891, at Midway, where he also invested in real estate. He is a first-class workman and he enjoys about as much patronage as he can handle. His reputation is such that owners of fine horses feel that they can come to him in perfect confidence.

On June 30, 1892, Mr. Burkett was married to Miss Anna Shaffer. Her parents were George and Elizabeth (Semon) Shaffer. On the father's side the grandparents were Michael and Julia (Kross) Shaffer, and on the mother's side they were William and Catherine (Lins) Semon. The parents of Mrs. Burkett came to Pittsburgh

from Germany, and she was born at Pittsburg, June 17, 1870. While living in that city her father worked in the glass works. In 1871 her parents came to the neighborhood of Midway, where they have been engaged in farming and in the dairy business ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer had the following children: Lena, who married Elmer Love; Anna; Elizabeth, who married John Kress; Eva, who married John Karcer; Catherine, who married William Cumming; and Emma, Henry, George and John, all the unmarried children still residing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkett have five children: William George, Elizabeth May, Mary Ellen, Myra Alexander and Richard Henry. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Burkett is a representative citizen of his borough, interested in all measures that promise to be of permanent benefit and a liberal supporter of school and church. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE W. P. JONES, of the G. W. P. Jones Music Company, doing a large business in the line of music and musical instruments, at No. 41 North Main street, Washington, is one of the alert and active citizens of this busy borough. He was born in Greene County, Pa., just over the Washington County line, January 21, 1868, and is a son of John Jones, a prosperous farmer of that section, at that time.

G. W. P. Jones was mainly educated in the Washington schools and then engaged as a clerk with different business concerns, and for some years subsequently was a traveling salesman for the Standard Sewing Machine Company, after which he became a member of the firm of S. M. Jones & Bro., of Pittsburg. In April, 1904, he took advantage of favorable circumstances and established the G. W. P. Jones Music Company at Washington, which handles all kinds of musical instruments, including the Everett, Briggs, the Baker Bros. and other fine pianos. An extensive business is done throughout Washington and Greene Counties. Aside from this, Mr. Jones is additionally interested in the oil business in the Ohio fields.

In 1900 Mr. Jones was married to Miss Ella Murphy. He is identified with the Elks and the Masons, in the latter fraternity belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, all at Washington.

ROBERT McKINNEY, who resides on Ridge avenue, Washington, Pa., occupies a very responsible position as superintendent of the Manifold coal mines, in South Strabane Township, and also has some coal interests of his own, in the vicinity of Pittsburg. Mr. McKinney was born in Scotland, December 11, 1869, and was one year old when his parents, Samuel and Grace (Walker) McKinney, brought him to America.

Robert McKinney was reared in Allegheny County and attended school at Noblestown. He has been more or less connected with the coal business all his life and has gradually made his way upward through years of hard work. He continued to live in Allegheny County until he accepted his present position, and assumed charge of the Manifold mines on May 18, 1904.

In September, 1896, Mr. McKinney was married to Miss Margaret Linden, a daughter of Bernard Linden, and they have four children: Helen, Grace, Mary and Alice. Mr. McKinney and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is a Republican, but has always led too busy a life to be able to consider the question of political office.

THOMAS CRAIGHEAD WEAVER, who is connected with the clerical department of the Standard Oil Company at Pittsburg, Pa., was born in Canonsburg, Pa., January 10, 1871, in the old family home on East Pike street. His parents were Dr. John and Belle A. (Boyce) Weaver.

Dr. John Weaver was born in Washington county in 1835. He was a man of high standing in the medical profession, for many years carrying on a large practice, first at Candor and later at Canonsburg, dying at the latter place in 1872. In his political views he was a staunch Democrat and was no less conscientious and loyal in his attachment to the Presbyterian Church. He married Belle A. Boyce, who was born October 31, 1837. Her father was John Boyce, a prosperous farmer in Charters Township. Five children were born to Dr. Weaver and wife, namely: Elizabeth B., residing in Canonsburg; Thomas McKeag, who died in infancy; Minnie J., deceased; and John Boyce and Thomas Craighead, twins, the former of whom died January 16, 1892.

Thomas C. Weaver was educated in the township schools and Jefferson Academy, leaving the latter in 1888; he completed a course at Duff's Business College, in Pittsburg, the following year. During the next two years he was employed in the office of William Smith & Son at Washington, Pa. Since October 1, 1891, he has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, with which he is still associated. On November 19, 1900, Mr. Weaver was married to Alice M. Vance, a daughter of William P. and Alice (McFarland) Vance, residents of Burgettstown, in which town Mr. Vance has been engaged in the hardware business for thirty years. His father, Allison Vance, was a member of one of the pioneer families. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have one daughter, Alice Belle. They are active members of the Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, and in politics Mr. Weaver votes independently.

SAMUEL J. T. HOUGH, a citizen of Washington, Pa., who is active both in business affairs and in church

circles and is a man of reliability of character, is proprietor of the Hough Hardware and Harness Company, doing business at Nos. 75-77-79 West Chestnut street. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., January 10, 1876, and was six years old when his parents moved to Washington County.

Mr. Hough was reared on a farm and continued to live on one until 1900, when he came to Washington, and after working for two years at the carpenter trade bought a hardware store from a Mr. Ashbrook and later bought a harness store and combined the two, doing business under the name of S. J. T. Hough, which continued for two years, when the present title was adopted, the Hough Hardware and Harness Company. Mr. Hough carries the largest stock of general hardware, stoves, ranges and harness in the city and does a large business throughout the county.

On July 5, 1897, Mr. Hough was married to Miss Anna A. McClay, a daughter of Robert H. McClay, who is one of the prominent citizens of Washington, and they have three children: Samuel Sheldon, William Robert and Margaret. Mr. Hough is a leading member of the Third United Presbyterian Church, serving on its board of trustees and being treasurer of the same; formerly was a member of the building committee and is the leader of the church choir. He is identified with the beneficiary order of Maccabees.

CHARLES TAYLOR GRAVES, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Monongahela City, Pa., since 1904, has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, and was born on a farm near Clover Hill, Pa., February 1, 1871. He is a son of Morris T. and Susan Crawford (Borom) Graves and a grandson of John Graves, who was of English descent and one of the early settlers of Washington County, coming from Delaware. The father of our subject was born on the old homestead, Clover Hill Farm, in West Pike Run Township, which he subsequently inherited from his father, and there he died in 1882 at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Susan Crawford Borom, who died in 1907, aged eighty-three years, and of their union were born five children: John B., who lives on the old home farm in West Pike Run Township; Mary (Mrs. Elmer Raley) of Ohio; Elmer H. of Georgia; Eleanor, wife of W. W. Lewis of Donora, Pa.; and Charles Taylor, the subject of this sketch.

Charles T. Graves spent his boyhood days on the farm and attended the district schools of that locality and the Normal School at California, Pa., afterward taught the district school of his native neighborhood a short time and was principal of the Bellsville public school for one year. He then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, from which





JOHN WESLEY ELY, M. D.

he graduated in 1895, and first embarked in the practice of medicine at Centerville, Pa., where he remained about eight years, and in 1904 came to Monongahela City, where he has since been located on Fourth street, and has been highly successful. He is a Republican in politics and has been a member of the school board for the past three years, having been president of the board one year, and had the honor of officiating at the laying of the corner stone of the new school building in June, 1909. He is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E. of Monongahela City. His religious connection is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is president of the board of trustees.

Dr. Graves was united in marriage June 1, 1889, with Edna E. McCracken, a daughter of M. L. A. McCracken, a retired attorney of Washington, Pa., and they have one daughter, Ruth McCracken Graves. Dr. Graves resides at 1010 Chess street.

**SOLOMON C. SPEERS**, proprietor of the Clipper Sand Works and owner of a thirty-acre tract of land at Speers, Pa., was born May 12, 1832, near Fredericktown, Pa., on a farm and is a son of Apollos and Elizabeth (Cooper) Speers and a grandson of Henry Speers, a native of Germany, who settled on land where Speers is now located some time between 1780 and 1790. Apollos Speers, father of our subject, who was born in 1801 at Speers, died in 1857 and was survived by his widow, who died in Iowa, until 1874. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six are still living: Mrs. Margaret Baker of Washington, Pa.; Mrs. Mary L. Johnson of Atkinson, Neb.; Mrs. Sarah R. Lucas, who died January 14, 1910; Solomon C., our subject; Henry B., who is a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Mrs. Clara E. Walker of Wellington, Kas.

Solomon C. Speers was a lad of seven years when his parents removed from the farm near Fredericktown to Speers, where they lived in an old brick house; which is still standing. Here he was reared to manhood and later established the Clipper Sand Works, and was at one time the owner of a tract of 180 acres, of which he sold 150 acres. Mr. Speers was first united in marriage with Anna Eliza Walker, and they had the following children: Charles P., who is manager of the Clipper Sand Works; Albert C., who is a physician, resides at Pittsburg; Bessie, who is the wife of Dr. W. C. Arthur; and Jessie L. Speers. Mrs. Speers died in 1885 and Mr. Speers later married Mrs. Sarah A. (Winfield) Davis, a widow and a daughter of William and Mary (Harvey) Winfield, of Coal Center. Mrs. Speers comes of a family long established in this country, her father, William Winfield, who was born in 1802 in England, came to America about 1840 and first located in Zanesville, O. He later moved to Granville, near Coal Center, where for many years he

was engaged in operating a pottery. He was a man of public spirit and enterprise, and took an active interest in politics, always having been a prominent and enthusiastic worker in the interests of his party. His death occurred in 1866 and he was survived by his widow until the fall of 1881. Mr. Speers is one of the prominent and representative business men of Speers and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his friends and fellow citizens.

**JOHN WESLEY ELY**, M. D., physician and surgeon, who has been a resident of Washington for the past 12 years and resides at No. 8 West Wheeling street, has been a general practitioner since 1882 and for a number of years has been a specialist in the treatment and cure of cancer. He was born in Greene County, Pa., in 1855, and is a son of George and Mary (Warriek) Ely.

The late George Ely was one of the best known and highly esteemed men of Greene County, where, for a half century he engaged in farming. He was born in Washington county, Pa., one mile south of the borough of Washington, in 1817, and died in Greene County Oct. 8, 1898, having settled there in 1850. For 50 years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a trustee of the same for 34 years and a class leader for 13 years. He was honorable and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men and it was a matter of satisfaction to him, near the close of his long life, that at no time had he ever been either a prosecutor or a defendant in a law suit. He married Miss Mary Warriek, who died in 1887. They were the parents of the following children: John Wesley; Jonas, who was also a physician, died in 1900; Tillie, who is the wife of Rev. James Hickling, resides in Illinois; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Rev. E. S. White, resides at Washington, Pa.; Euphen, who is the wife of J. S. Hoy, resides in Greene County; Caleb, who also resides in Greene County; and W. C., who is deceased.

John W. Ely prepared for teaching school in early manhood by attending the common schools and Waynesburg College, and during the three years which he spent as a teacher, he took advantage of all his leisure time for his preparatory studies in medicine. These studies he continued while conducting a mercantile business for two years, at Newton, in Greene County, after which he took a course in a medical college at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1882. Locating at Waynesburg he soon was in the enjoyment of a good practice there and remained in that pleasant college town for eight years. Dr. Ely then removed to Uniontown and during his residence of seven years at that place, was a very important factor in adding to its material prosperity. He became largely interested in

real estate and acquired large holdings, subsequently platting and selling 225 town lots. He was instrumental in laying out "The Mountain View Park" and the beautiful cemetery there, and to Dr. Ely Uniontown owes much, another of his successful and public spirited enterprises being the establishing of the street car line. From Uniontown Dr. Ely came to Washington and here, through professional ability has built up an extensive practice. He has made a special study of cancerous growths and through this has discovered a remedy, one which, as a mass of correspondence shows, has cured hundreds of sufferers and entirely without the use of a knife. He is perfectly familiar with all scientific discoveries and recent experiments, but his cure requires neither the treatment prescribed by Dr. Doyen, nor the use of the Finson light, nor of radium. His grateful patients attest the value of his discovery. In addition to his profession, Dr. Ely is interested in oil production and owns a number of producing wells in this county. He is identified with the Odd Fellows.

In 1878, Dr. Ely was married to Miss Lucy Gordon of Waynesburg and they have one daughter, Mary Ruth. With his family he is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. P. GEDDES, M. D., one of Washington's skilled physicians and surgeons, who has attained considerable prominence as a medical practitioner, has been a resident here for the past ten years. He was born in 1868, in New Bedford, Pa., and was reared there and at Youngstown, O. After attending the Grove City College and the Mount Union College, he taught for four years, during part of which time he was a teacher in the New Bedford High School. He graduated from the Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery in 1897, after which he was assistant to Hamilton F. Biggar, one of the leading surgeons of Cleveland, and also acted as assistant for two years to J. Kent Saunders of Cleveland. In 1904 he took a post-graduate course in the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, having registered for practice in Hartford, Conn., in 1907, and after spending two years in traveling through the East and studying in the different colleges came to Washington, where he has made many personal and professional friends and has built up a lucrative practice. Dr. Geddes devotes his entire time to the practice of medicine and is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

In 1895 Dr. Geddes was joined in marriage with Maud Alice Rood of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

JAMES L. BRENNAN, M. D., physician and surgeon, at Manifold, Pa., to which place he came in 1907, was born at Williamsport, Pa., June 28, 1880, and is a son

of John and Elizabeth (Carroll) Brennan, who still reside at Williamsport.

Dr. Brennan attended the Williamsport schools and received his medical training at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He later took a post-graduate course and then settled for practice at Bernice, Sullivan County, Pa., and served as coroner of that county for four years, and was also physician for the Williamsport branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He then came to Manifold and has built up a substantial practice here and has identified himself with the public interests of the place.

Dr. Brennan was married February 17, 1909, to Miss Alice Cunningham, a daughter of Mrs. Mary Cunningham, of Sullivan County. They are members of the Catholic Church at Washington. Politically Dr. Brennan is a Democrat. He is identified with the following fraternal organizations: The Elks, at Williamsport; the Eagles, at Washington; the Knights of Columbus, at Williamsport; and the Red Men, at Bernice, Sullivan County.

JOHN L. MACKEY, who is assistant superintendent of the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company, of Canonsburg, Pa., is one of the competent and thoroughly trained men that modern business requires in important positions, where hundreds of men are employed and machinery to the value of many thousands of dollars is made use of. Mr. Mackey was born at McKeesport, Pa., June 4, 1865, and is a son of John and Susan (McMunn) Mackey.

The father of Mr. Mackey was born in Ireland and was three months old when his parents brought him to America. They located first in Ohio, but later moved to McKeesport, Pa., and there John Mackey remained through his subsequent life, his death occurring in 1897, when he was aged sixty-seven years. He married Susan McMunn, who was born at McMurraysville, Westmoreland County, Pa., and still survives, being now in her seventy-ninth year. She resides at McKeesport, where she has many friends. To the above marriage three sons and six daughters were born. Priscilla, who married Peter Whitehead, of McKeesport; Rachel, who married Knight Phillips, of the same place; Annie, who is now deceased, was the wife of William Ryan; Mary Ellen, who died when aged eighteen months; John L., the subject of this sketch; Margaret, who is the wife of John Taylor of McKeesport; Minerva, who is the wife of Thomas Morgan, of McKeesport; William H., who is an iron worker at McKeesport; and David A., who resides at McKeesport.

John L. Mackey, obtained a good, common school education before he went to work in a mill, when about seventeen years of age. After deciding on mill work he never changed his mind, as many young men do when confronted with long hours and hard labor, but kept right

on and through his industry and interest gained the knowledge that makes him a valued employe and has been the cause of his promotion from one position to another. He remained at McKeesport until 1895, when he came to Canonsburg, and, with the exception of eight months spent at Parkersburg, W. Va., has been a resident of this borough. He has prospered and has acquired property here, and in 1907 erected his fine home at No. 119 Richland avenue. He has been somewhat active in politics and is identified with the Republican party.

On May 27, 1901, Mr. Mackey was married to Miss Elizabeth West, a daughter of Thomas and Matilda (Williams) West. She was born at Canonsburg, but was reared at Carnegie. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey have two children: Walter Roy and John Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE M. SWINGLE, who has been identified with the oil industry almost from boyhood and is now operating in Greene County, Pa., for twenty two years, has also been general agent at Washington for the St. Louis Lightning Rod Company. He was born in Wayne County, Pa., in November, 1859. Shortly before the Civil War his parents moved to Steuben County, N. Y., and there he attended school and there first entertained the idea of making a fortune in the oil fields. Then it was but a boy's dream, but it subsequently became a fact.

When Mr. Swingle went first to the Butler County oil fields he found plenty of employment, although the work was hard and the exposure such as he had never been accustomed to. From the Butler fields he went to Washington County, O., and he it was who drilled the great Mills & Mullin well, which was the first deep well drilled in the state that became a producer. From there he went to Lima, O., and then came to the Washington County fields and has operated extensively here and in Greene County. After taking up his residence at Washington he remodeled the old Bailey Hotel and called it the Allison, and later built the Swingle Hotel, on North Main street, which is now known as the Lewis Hotel. He has been an active and successful business man and as such stands high in the community. A staunch Democrat, he has taken a hearty interest in local politics and at times has been his party's candidate for county offices, his fellow citizens having the utmost confidence in his ability and discretion.

Mr. Swingle was married in June, 1887, to Miss Lydia Baker, who was born in Washington County, O., and to them have been born the following children: Mary, who is the wife of John Z. Bromley; Georgia, who is the wife of Edward Cron, of Pittsburg; Joseph E., who is a tool dresser in the oil fields; and Richard, Charles, Brynn, Morgan, John and Collins R., all at home. Mr. Swingle

and wife are members of the West Washington Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows, lodge and Encampment, and the Knights of Maccabee and the American Mechanics.

BENNETT H. HODGE, a well known dealer in hardware and a highly esteemed citizen of Donora, Pa., who has been a resident here since the founding of the town in 1900, was born March 23, 1879, on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pa., and is a son of David S. and Mary J. (Hough) Hodge.

David S. Hodge, who was born and reared in Westmoreland County, Pa., for the past thirty-five years, has worked at the carpenter trade. In 1900 he came to Donora, where he continued in that line of work until 1909, when he removed to a farm in his native county. He married Mary J. Hough, also a native of Westmoreland County, and of their union were born five children: Oscar L., Bennett H., Lloyd, Nannie and James.

Bennett H. Hodge spent his boyhood days on the farm in Westmoreland County, Pa., and attended the district schools of that section. He was married February 21, 1899, to Lillian May McNeefe, of Dawson, Pa., and they have three children: Margaret, Mary and Paul. In 1900 Mr. Hodge came to Donora and engaged in the tinware business at his present location, and since 1905 has also dealt extensively in hardware. In 1900 Mr. Hodge and Dr. W. W. Insley opened, on Meldon avenue, the first garage established in Donora, and in 1904 our subject erected a fine business block on McKean avenue, in which he also has his residence.

Mr. Hodge is an adherent of the Republican party. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs also to the Royal Arcanum, both at Donora.

JAMES ALEXANDER McNALL, owner of a farm of 216 acres in Allegheny and Washington Counties, Pa., has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, and was born on his present farm, which is known as the Jacobs Fancy farm, November 27, 1849, and is a son of James and Jane (Bell) McNall.

James McNall, who was born May, 1790, died in 1872, and was a farmer by occupation. He served in the War of 1812 and was first married to Mary Doneho, who was born July 23, 1804, and of their union were born the following children: Eleonor, deceased, born May 27, 1823, and married John Burns; Nancy, deceased, born April 22, 1825, and became the wife of Henry Adams; Jane, deceased, born February 21, 1827, and was the wife of James Farrar; Eliza, born January 21, 1829, and died in 1837; Mary, born January 14, 1831; Isabell, born June 17, 1833; Martha, deceased, born July 16, 1835; Joseph, deceased, born June, 1838; and James, deceased, born July 2, 1841. The mother

of these children died and the father married Jane Bell, who was a daughter of Alexander and Martha (Kerr) Bell, and one son, James Alexander, our subject, was born of their union. Mrs. Jane (Bell) McNall died March 11, 1898.

James A. McNall was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, when he began working on the farm and has followed farming continuously since that time. His farm, consisting of 216 acres, is thus divided, 108 acres, on which his residence is located, lies in Allegheny County, and the remaining 108 acres, on which the barns, milk houses, etc., are situated, is in Washington County, Robinson Township.

On October 1, 1879, Mr. McNall married Kate R. Christy, a daughter of John and Jane (Daugherty) Christy, deceased, who were farmers of Washington County, and the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, who first married Nathaniel Pollock, deceased, formed a second union with Pryor Mevey; Margaret, who is the wife of Thomas Donaldson; Hannah, who died young; Sarah, who is the wife of Charles Cuning; John, deceased; James, deceased; and Kate R., who is the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. McNall are the parents of the following children: Gertrude; Martha, who married Holland Russell; Anna Elizabeth, who is the wife of Ross Winning; Sarah, who is deceased; and Isabel and James, both of whom attend the Washington County schools. Mr. McNall is a Democrat in politics, and the family attend the Presbyterian Church at Conдор.

JOHN P. MCBURNEY, one of Washington's substantial and reliable citizens, who has greatly prospered through judicious investments in realty, was born at Washington, Washington County, Pa., in 1853, and is a son of Ebenezer McBurney, who was one of the well-known old settlers of this section.

When John P. McBurney was seven years of age, his parents moved to a farm not far distant from Washington, and there he was reared and obtained his education in the district schools. When his parents had both passed away, he purchased the old home place and continued agricultural operations there until 1903, when he took up his residence in his native city and built a beautiful home at No. 78 McKennan avenue. He then embarked in the real estate business, doing a large amount of buying and improving and subsequently selling and has handled some of the best property that has changed ownership within the past six years. He has always been more or less interested in local politics, has occasionally accepted office and at present is street commissioner of East Washington.

Mr. McBurney was married to Miss Roxie A. Luker

and they have three children; Shirley B., who is with the Citizens' Water Company; and Mary and Margaret, both of whom reside at home. Mr. McBurney and family are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church.

JAMES P. CASTNER, president of the Union Trust Company of Donora, Pa., has spent the greater part of his life in this community, and was born November 22, 1873, at Pittsburg, Pa., a son of Bertrand W. and Laura (Bezell) Castner.

Peter Castner, the great-great-grandfather, was of German extraction. In 1775 he came from Philadelphia to Washington County, and took out a patent, which our subject still has in his possession, for 320 acres of land, known as "Walnut Bottoms" in Carroll Township. Here he spent the remainder of his life, and with the assistance of his son John, the great-grandfather of our subject, cleared the land of the walnut timber and placed it in a state of cultivation. John Castner likewise spent his entire life on this farm engaged in agricultural pursuits. Daniel Castner, grandfather of James P. Castner, erected the old farm house on the place. He married Rebecca Miller, a native of Fayette County, and to their union were born the following children: Maria, deceased; James L.; John K.; Jesse, deceased; Silas W.; Bertrand W., father of our subject; and Josephine, deceased.

Bertrand W. Castner was born July 18, 1852, on the old Castner farm in Carroll Township, where he grew to maturity. Early in life he engaged in river boating and was a captain on the Ohio and Monongahela Rivers for fifteen years, during part of which time he was a resident of Pittsburg. He subsequently returned to the Castner farm, which, when the town of Donora was laid out in 1900, became the center of the town. That same year he and his son, James P. Castner, engaged in the real estate business at Donora, operating under the firm name of B. W. Castner & Son, and continued in that business until the time of his death, April 10, 1908. He was one of the organizers of the Union Trust Company, of which he was president at the time of his death, and was vice president of the First National Bank of Donora. He served six terms, a period of thirty years, as justice of the peace, and in politics was prominently identified with the Democratic party. His widow, Laura (Bezell) Castner, who was born and reared in Washington County, is still living on the old home place. They were the parents of one son, James P. Castner, the subject of this sketch, who became owner of his father's property and banking interests.

James P. Castner was quite young when his parents returned to the Castner homestead from Pittsburg. He was reared on the farm, attended the schools of Carroll Township and the Pittsburg High School, after which







MRS. MARY S. WILSON



JOHN WILSON

he spent three years at Washington and Jefferson College. After leaving school he spent four years in the mill at Homestead, Pa., and in 1900 came to Donora and entered the real estate business with his father. He inherited his father's banking interests, and is the present president of the Union Trust Company of Donora, Pa.

In November, 1898, Mr. Castner was united in marriage with Ella Tomer, a daughter of Jacob Tomer, of Webster, Pa., and they have four children: Rebecca Donora, who was born July 23, 1900, was the first child born in Donora, after its organization; Sarah L., James Bertrand and Lewis Tomer. Mr. Castner is a Republican in politics, and is serving his second term as a school director, and fraternally a Mason. He holds membership with the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Castner and family reside in a comfortable home on Prospect avenue.

JOHN WILSON, superintendent of Oak Springs Cemetery, at Canonsburg, Pa., was born in County Antrim, Ireland, Feb. 1, 1851, and was two years old when his parents brought him to America.

Joseph Wilson, father of John Wilson, settled in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa. He was made sexton after the Chartiers Church was changed to the United Presbyterian and remained in charge until he entered the Federal Army as a soldier, being a member of Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was wounded before Richmond, Va. He was confined in the hospital for nearly a year and was in active service more than three years. During his absence his son, John Wilson, performed the duties of sexton, which the father resumed after his return. He had leased a coal bank on the T. M. K. Wilson farm in Chartiers Township, prior to the Civil War, and for a number of years was in the coal business and at the time of his death, in April, 1908, was also engaged in the mercantile business. His burial was in Oak Springs Cemetery. He married Nancy Carr, who still survives at the age of 74 years. They had a family of seven sons and one daughter, namely: John; Joseph, who resides in North Strabane Township; Thomas, who resides at Canonsburg; David, who, for a number of years was street commissioner of Canonsburg; Matthew S., who formerly was a merchant at Canonsburg, now resides on his farm at Gamble's Station; Robert, who purchased the John Tohn farm at Gamble Station, was an undertaker for some years; and Mary, who resides with her mother. She has been a teacher in the public schools of Canonsburg for a number of years.

John Wilson attended the district schools in Chartiers Township during youth and afterward worked on a farm for some years and was then in the employ of

Craig Ritchie, of Washington, for five years. For the next seven years he worked for T. B. Robins, in the coal industry, at Midway, and from there went to Taylors-town and for five more years was with Lehman Crothers as a farmer. In 1886 he came to Canonsburg and was made superintendent of Oak Springs Cemetery and in the spring of 1909, was elected a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees. For 23 years he has been in charge of this beautiful City of the Dead and to his care, industry, good taste and general efficiency, must be attributed the condition which makes this one of the most attractive burial spots in Washington County.

Mr. Wilson married Miss Mary Skiles, a daughter of William Skiles, of Canonsburg, and of their 12 children, eight survive: Susan married Charles Walton, formerly manager of the Notes office, now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have three children: Nannie J. died in 1891, aged 18 years; Joseph W. married Haddie Harvison and they reside in South Canonsburg, where he is superintendent of the William McNary Livery, and they have one child; Thomas married Ella Lane and they have one child; William married Margaret Hunter, a daughter of John Hunter, and he is a conductor on a Cleveland street car line; David resides at Steubenville, where he is a heater in a mill, married Susan Barr and has one child; Samuel E. is a heater in the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company's works, married Mabel Sickles; Edna is a popular teacher in the public schools of South Canonsburg; and Hazel is yet a student. Mr. Wilson and family are members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church. In his sentiments on public questions, he is a Prohibitionist.

JAMES A. RIGGS, a well-known carpenter and building contractor of Speers, Pa., was born January 22, 1854, at Lucyville, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of John L. and Dorothy (Biles) Riggs. John L. Riggs, father of our subject, who followed farming throughout his active career, was born on the old Riggs homestead at Lucyville, as was his father, Nathan Riggs, who was a son of William Riggs, a native of Maryland, who over 125 years ago came to Pennsylvania and entered land from the government. John L. Riggs, who died in 1902, is survived by his widow, who is now seventy-six years of age.

James A. Riggs was reared on the farm at Lucyville, where he learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked for many years, and in 1905 came to Speers, where he has continuously and successfully followed carpentering and general contracting since. He was united in marriage with May Grant, who was reared in Carroll Township, and is a daughter of Noah Grant. Mr. Riggs and his brother own a tract of 175 acres, and he also owns the adjoining tract of 175 acres, in part-

nership with Mrs. O. S. Riggs, his brother's widow, the entire 350 acres having been the property of his father, John L. Riggs. Mrs. Riggs graduated as a nurse from Hahnemann Hospital of Chicago, Ill., and it was through her vocation that she became acquainted with Mr. Riggs. Her father, Noah Grant, was a son of Robert Grant, and was born and reared in the Horseshoe Bottoms of Carroll Township, where he later followed agricultural pursuits. He also studied law, but never embarked in the practice of the profession, although he was considered an authority in his community and his advice was often sought by his neighbors and friends. Mr. Grant was united in marriage with Eliza J. Wickerham, who was born and reared on the old Wickerham farm in Carroll Township, and is a daughter of William Wickerham, whose farm adjoined the Grant homestead.

W. B. McBRIDE, deputy sheriff of Washington County, for the past twenty years has been in official life and is one of the widely known and popular men of the county. He was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., October 16, 1858, and is a son of William John and Mary Jane (Watkins) McBride.

William John McBride, father of W. B., was born at East Pike Run, in 1821, and engaged in the butchering and meat business all his life. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1867. Of his twelve children, the following five survive: Joseph and John, both of Washington; Nancy, wife of J. C. Williams, of Butler County, Pa.; Jennie, wife of George T. Hallam, of Washington; and W. B.

W. B. McBride has been a continuous resident of Washington for forty-four years and has taken an interest in politics and public affairs ever since he reached manhood. He has most acceptably filled many township offices and has done his part in keeping law and order in his community and in establishing a respect for the same all over the county.

On October 13, 1880, Mr. McBride was married to Miss Sue L. Burk, of Washington, and his happy family contains seven children and three grandchildren, the four younger children, R. Jack, Myrtle, Nellie and Jeanette, being at home. The other three are married and have domestic circles of their own. Lizzie is the wife of John C. Keeney, a contractor, residing in Cumberland. Nannie May is the wife of Newton C. Cupp, of Homestead, Pa. William J. married Vida Stoner and they live at Laboratory. Mr. McBride and family belong to the Christian Church.

ALEXANDER McCONNELL, general farmer and representative citizen of Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., owns 109 acres of fine land, the old homestead on which he was born, November 16, 1840. It lies four

miles north of Canonsburg, in a very desirable section of Washington County. The father of Mr. McConnell was David and the grandfather was Alexander McConnell.

Grandfather McConnell was born at Charlotte, Va., and came from there after his marriage, to Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., securing 140 acres adjoining the present farm and, according to his contract with the Government, had to clear all of the land that he obtained. He built a log cabin and in it his children were born, but later a better house was erected. He married Elizabeth McCrory and they had six children: Alexander, David, Matthew, Jane, Prudence and Nancy. The children attended both school and church in log structures long since passed away. At that time, the McConnells were members of the Robinson Run Union Church and their burial place was in the cemetery attached to this church.

David McConnell was born in Cecil Township and remained at home assisting his father until his marriage, when he settled on the farm now owned by his son, Alexander, which the first Alexander McConnell had bought when David was four years old. David McConnell had been reared a Democrat and a Presbyterian and he remained such all his life. He was a man of sterling traits of character and was useful in his day and generation. He honestly served his township in such offices as school trustee and road supervisor, and gave liberally to support the church and schools. He married Sarah Campbell, a daughter of John and Margaret Campbell, and nine children were born to them: Alexander, who is deceased; Mary Margaret, John C., David, Jane and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased; Alexander (2); Isabel, who married John Skiles, resides in Iowa; David T.; and Sarah Agnes, who married Richard Gladden, resides at McDonald, Pa. The father of the above family died in 1876 and the mother in 1880, and both were laid to rest in the Venice Cemetery.

Alexander McConnell attended school in Cecil Township and afterward gave assistance to his father and continued to reside on the homestead after his marriage. When the property came into his possession he had little improving to do as the old buildings are all in good condition, showing how substantially they were built. The barn was erected by his grandfather, in 1794, and the comfortable stone residence was put up in 1805. Mr. McConnell cultivates all of his land except ten acres, which is still in timber. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Cecil, Pa.

Mr. McConnell was married February 3, 1881, to Miss Mary J. Matthews, who died March 23, 1899, and her burial was in the Venice Cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Mary Matthews, of Cecil Township, and the mother of three children: Esther Mary, who married James Friel, resides in East Pittsburg; Sarah Evalena;

and John Walter. The son and daughter attend the U. P. Church at Gladden. Mr. McConnell is a Democrat in his political views and has served as township supervisor.

JOHN M. CLARK, a farmer by occupation, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., June 17, 1858, and is a son of Robert C. and Matilda (McCall) Clark. The parents of Mr. Clark were well known residents of Mt. Pleasant Township, members of the United Presbyterian Church. They have both passed out of life and rest in the cemetery at West Middletown. The following children survive them: J. V., residing at Washington; John M., residing at West Middletown; Miss Laura A. Clark, of West Middletown, and Rev. William H., residing at Rushville, Ind.

John M. Clark attended the West Middletown public schools and academy and the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg. In his political affiliation he has always been a Republican. In 1893, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Dora B. Scott, a daughter of James D. and Margaret Scott, of West Middletown, and they have had eight children, namely: Paul H., born March 6, 1894; Robert E., born June 11, 1895; James L., born July 19, 1897; Benjamin M., born January 22, 1899; William H., born December 13, 1901; John H., born May 14, 1904; David Chalmers, born in 1906; and W. L., born August 27, 1908. All survive except David Chalmers, who died May 9, 1909. Mr. Clark and family attend the United Presbyterian Church.

ALEXANDER M. BROWN, one of the representative business men of Washington, Pa., is at the head of one of the leading dry goods stores in this city and has had a very active and successful business career. He was born in Washington, Pa., in 1848 and is a son of James Brown, who came to this city at a very early period from Baltimore, Md., and worked for a number of years at his trade of reed making. James Brown took a prominent and active interest in the political affairs of the county, and served as recorder and prothonotary for fifteen years.

Alexander M. Brown was reared and educated in Washington and began his career in the business world in 1863 as a clerk for V. Harding, with whom he remained until 1865, then spent one year in the employ of Chambers & Matthews, and in 1866 became associated with William Smith & Son, and remained in active connection with that concern for fifteen years. In 1881 he embarked in the dry goods business for himself. He purchased his present modern building, which is opposite the Court House, occupying two floors of same, and has seventeen assistants in his employ. Mr. Brown is also identified with other leading business enterprises

of this city and is one of Washington's honored and highly esteemed citizens.

On October 14, 1869, Mr. Brown married Nellie Irene Decker. Mr. and Mrs. Brown attend the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

MRS. MARY E. DYE, who resides in her comfortable residence which was erected by her husband, the late Enoch J. Dye, on their farm of five acres, situated one-half mile east of Washington, Pa., was born on North Main street, Washington, December 22, 1835. Her parents were Dr. David and Sarah (Hastings) Wishart.

Dr. David Wishart was born at Washington, Pa., February 6, 1816. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and for many years was a prominent medical practitioner in Washington County. Shortly before his death he retired to Washington, where he died April 12, 1888. On March 12, 1835, he married Sarah Hastings, a daughter of Samuel and Eleanor Hastings. She was born February 16, 1814, and died January 2, 1890. The burial of both parents of Mrs. Dye was in the Washington Cemetery. She is the only survivor of their family of eight children.

Mary E. Wishart attended school at Washington and later entered Waynesburg Seminary, where she was graduated and for some eight years she engaged in teaching, mainly in Greene County. Her recollection of that period of her life is very pleasant as she had congenial work and gained many warm friends, some of whom she is still kindly interested in. On August 11, 1863, she married E. J. Dye, who was born on a farm on the Wheeling turnpike road, three miles west of Washington, and was a son of Daniel Dye. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Dye lived for a time in Washington and then Mr. Dye, who was a carpenter by trade, built the residence still occupied by his widow, to which they moved in 1874. To Mr. and Mrs. Dye two children were born: Juanita, who married A. H. Edgerton, resides at Ingram, near Pittsburg; Lorena, who married Edward W. Ryan, and they reside with Mrs. Dye. The death of E. J. Dye occurred on February 26, 1892, and his burial was in the Washington Cemetery. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He voted the Democratic ticket. He was a well known and highly respected citizen of South Strabane Township.

THEODORE WULF, vice president and treasurer of the River View Distillery Company, which is located on Mingo Creek at River View, Washington County, Pa., was born November 12, 1869, in Germany, and is one of eight children born to his parents, John and Henrietta Wulf.

Theodore Wulf grew to manhood in Germany, where

he learned brewing, and in 1889 came to the United States, located at Allegheny, Pa., where he worked for some time in a brewery, and in 1900 came to Monongahela City and opened a restaurant, which he continues to operate with success. He then ran a brewery for eighteen months, and since 1903 has been identified with the River View Distillery Company, which was organized that year, with Philip Christman, of Allegheny, as president; Theodore Wolf, vice president and treasurer; Max Srolovitz, of Pittsburg, secretary, and Peter Agostoni, manager. They distill an average of 144 gallons of whiskey per day, their product being known as River View Whiskey.

Mr. Wolf was married January 21, 1890, to Barbara Rauch, who was born in Germany, and they have two children: Margaret and Theodore, Jr. In politics, Mr. Wolf is an adherent of the Democratic party and has served one year as alderman, and he is fraternally a member of the F. O. E. No. 532 of Monongahela, of which he is president; the Turn Verein of Monongahela City and the German Beneficial Union of Donora. Mr. Wolf is a member and trustee of the Catholic Church.

**WILLIAM JAMES MUNCE**, a retired capitalist residing in a beautiful mansion situated at No. 223 Beau street, Washington, for many years, was one of Washington County's most extensive and successful farmers and stock raisers. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., in February, 1819, and is a son of Robert Munce.

Robert Munce was born in County Down, Ireland, and after coming to America, took up his residence in Washington County, in 1803, and was one of the earliest settlers in South Strabane Township. He found the land heavily timbered and right in the forest he built his own log house. He overcame the hardships incident to pioneer life and resided on his farm until his death at the age of fifty-four years. He married Mary Quail in Ireland and she accompanied him to the home in the wilderness of Washington County. She was left a widow with eight little children: Thomas, William J., Robert, Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Jane and Catherine. There are but two survivors, William J. and Catherine, the latter of whom married John McClane and they live in Texas. The mother was a remarkable woman and in spite of her many cares, she survived into advanced age, her death occurring when she was in her seventy-second year.

William J. Munce was only a boy when his father died. He grew to manhood on the farm and, as opportunity presented, attended the country schools. He continued to reside on one of his farms until 1889, when he retired to Washington and took up his residence in his beautiful home there. He retains the ownership of three farms, all valuable, well improved property, and,

although now past four-score years and ten, he still takes great pleasure in driving into the country and watching the progress made in the operating of these farms and the increase in his cattle and stock.

In 1857, Mr. Munce was married to Miss Elizabeth Miller, who was born in Ireland and accompanied her parents to America in 1854. To them were born nine children, namely: Robert L. and Samuel, are both farmers in Washington County; Russell lives in Charleston, W. Va.; James is a farmer in South Strabane Township; Edward is in business at Harrisburg; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. Smith, of Uniontown, Pa.; and Miller, William and David, all three of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Munce are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

**CHARLES P. SPEERS**, manager of the Clipper Sand Works, has been postmaster at Speers, Pa., since 1904 and was born Dec. 11, 1862, a son of Solomon and Anna Eliza (Walker) Speers. Solomon Speers, who founded and is the owner of the Clipper Sand Works, is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Speers. His grandfather settled on the present site of Speers between 1780-1790.

Charles P. Speers was reared at Speers, where he attended the local schools and since early boyhood has been identified with the Clipper Sand Works, of which he has for some years been the manager. Mr. Speers was united in marriage with Elizabeth Underwood, who is a daughter of Joseph Underwood, and they have three children: Ellen, Mary and Charles P., Jr. Mr. Speers is a 32nd degree Mason. He is a man of exemplary life and one who stands very high in his community, enjoying the sincere regard of all.

**JOSEPH H. SEAMAN**, member of the well-known firm, Joseph H. Seaman & Company, one of the leading florists of Washington, Pa., was born in 1881, at Washington, a son of H. U. Seaman, a prominent jeweler of Washington, who was also born in this city, and grandson of Thomas Seaman, who was for many years engaged in the grocery business here, but later removed to Wheeling, where he also conducted a grocery store.

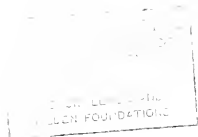
Joseph H. Seaman obtained his educational training in the public schools of Washington, and early in life learned the florist business. In 1896 he engaged in business with I. Shelby Crall, of Monongahela City, for whom he was manager of the Washington store until 1901, at which time he bought out his employer, and continued the business under his own name until 1904. He then organized the Joseph H. Seaman Company, which is one of the leading florist establishments in Washington.



CHARLES P. SPEERS



CHARLES P. SPEERS, JR.





Mr. Seaman married in 1903, Francis Thompson, who was born in Meadville, Pa., a daughter of Sheldon E. Thompson, and they have two children: Homer T. and Joseph H., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the J. O. U. A. M., Improved Order of Red Men, fraternal order of Eagles and the Bassett Club of Washington.

J. W. MATTHIAS, who is serving his first year as tax collector of the borough of Charleroi, Pa., has been a resident here for the past fifteen years, and was born August 4, 1874, a son of Thomas W. and Elizabeth (Clapp) Mathias.

J. W. Mathias was reared in Pittsburg, where early in life he began working in a glass factory. In 1894 he came to Charleroi and became a glass worker in the Macheth Glass Works, with which concern he remained five years. He then conducted the Walfred Hotel for five years, and in the spring of 1909 was elected to succeed B. L. Parsons as tax collector of Charleroi, and assumed the responsibilities of that office on August 1, 1909. Mr. Mathias is a member of the fraternal orders of the Elks and Eagles and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Mathias married Pearl Goho, and they have three children: Thomas Walfred, William John and Jack.

THOMAS H. MYERS, of the firm of Haberlin & Myers, proprietors of a very large and complete hardware establishment at Bentleyville, occupying a commodious building which they completed Apr. 1, 1909, has been a resident of this place since early in 1908. He was born on the old homestead farm in Washington County, one and one-half miles south of Bentleyville, near Kammerer, the same on which his father was also born and reared, Apr. 29, 1882. His parents were J. A. and Harriet (Redd) Myers.

Both the Myers and Redd families were pioneer ones in Washington County and the latter at one time owned a large portion of the land on which Charleroi now stands. J. A. Myers sold his farm of 107½ acres in 1908, and then retired to Charleroi, his wife having died in 1906.

Thomas H. Myers attended the country schools and remained on the home farm until he came to Bentleyville. Here he entered into partnership with George Haberlin, a native of Butler County, and the firm has wonderfully prospered. They carry everything in the line of hardware, also huggies, wagons, harness and farm implements and also do a general plumbing business. They both are young and enterprising men and possess all the qualities necessary for continued prosperity.

Mr. Myers married Miss Anna Mary Edgar, whose

death occurred Nov. 29, 1909, and they had two children born to them: Mary and Harriet.

O. W. AKINS, who is an extensive operator in the oil and gas fields of Ohio and Pennsylvania, is one of Washington's leading citizens, and is financially interested in various other enterprises in this community. He was born in 1855, in Warren County, Pa., where he grew to maturity, and at the age of twenty years entered the oil fields of Butler County, Pa., and has been an operator in the oil fields of Lima, Ohio, and Butler County, Pa., continuously since that time. Mr. Akins has been a resident of Washington since early in 1893, and is at present more interested in the development of gas than oil. He is a member of the Ohio Fuel Company and is a stockholder in both the Washington Trust Company and the Union Trust Company.

Mr. Akins, by his first marriage, had two children, namely: Carl C., who is employed by the government, and is now in Panama, was educated in the Washington and Jefferson Academy and the Washington Business College; and Juanita, who is a student at the Indiana State Normal School. In February, 1909, Mr. Akins married Sarah Jane Xutt, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Akins is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

HENRY MESTA, supervisor and one of the leading farmers of Union Township, Washington County, Pa., resides on a tract of 113 acres, where he carries on general farming in connection with dairying and fruit growing. He was born Dec. 4, 1854, on the south side of Pittsburg, which was then known as Old Birmingham, and is a son of Henry Mesta.

Henry Mesta, father of the subject, was born in Germany, where he became a pattern maker by trade, and was a son of Henry Mesta, a miner, who was killed in the mines in that country. The name Henry has been given to the eldest son of the family for the past six generations. The father of our subject, who was of the fourth generation, came to this country at the age of 18 years, and located at South Pittsburg, Pa., where he worked in the Novelty Works in Diamond Alley until about 1858, when he purchased a small tract of land at Summit Park, Old Snowden Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He erected a dwelling for the family, who cultivated the land, while he continued his work at Pittsburg until 1875, when he removed to Leechburg, Pa., where his son, George Mesta, opened a foundry, which was later consolidated with the Robinson & Ray Foundry, and is now located at West Homestead, where it is operated under the firm name of The Mesta Machine Company. The father later moved to Castle Shannon, Pa., where he

died Dec. 19, 1889, at the age of 63 years. He is survived by his widow, who is the mother of the following children: Henry, our subject; Mary, who died at the age of 18 years; Anna, who is the wife of A. Wahr; George; Ardelia, who married W. Hirth; Matilda, who died aged 12 years; and Charles, Amanda, and Fred.

Henry Mesta was seven years old when his parents removed from Pittsburg to the farm in Old Snowden Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and was there reared and educated in the local schools. After his marriage he rented a farm in Allegheny County, then cultivated a tract of land which his father purchased at Library, for three years, and in 1885 bought and located on his present farm of 113 acres in Union Township, having purchased the same from the Salsbury estate. All of the buildings, with the exception of the house, which he repaired, were built by Mr. Mesta. For the first nine years after locating here he engaged extensively in dairying, shipping to Pittsburg, then for 15 years ran a dairy wagon to Finleyville, and since January, 1909, when he disposed of his route, has been shipping cream to Pittsburg. Mr. Mesta also makes a specialty of fruit growing in connection with his farming and dairy interests.

On Feb. 27, 1879, Mr. Mesta was married to Catherine Knoedler, a daughter of Jacob Knoedler of Allegheny County, Pa., and to them have been born: Henry; Jacob, who married Elsie Anderson and they have one son; Edward D.; and George, Rosina M., Anna C., Lewis W., and Frank A. Mr. Mesta is identified with the Republican party, and was elected supervisor of the township in 1906.

EDWARD VANCE KYLE, M. D., a prominent member of the medical profession of Washington, Pa., was born in Jefferson County, Pa., in 1869, and there was reared and obtained his education in the Corsica Academy. He taught school for five years, then entered the medical department of the Baltimore University, from which he graduated in 1896, after which he returned to Jefferson County, where he was successfully engaged in the practice of medicine for 12 years. He served seven years as coroner of Jefferson County, and had just completed the first year of his third term, when he came to Washington. He was largely instrumental in the election of the first Republican Mayor of Baltimore, Md., that had been elected in 35 years. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he held office a number of years, and is also a member of the Washington County, the Washington Post-Graduate, and the Pennsylvania State Societies, and of the American Medical Association. Dr. Kyle is a member of the staff of the Washington City Hospital.

He belongs to the 1st United Presbyterian Church of

Washington, and is a member of its board of trustees. Socially he is affiliated with the Bassett Club of Washington.

In 1894, Dr. Kyle married Vesta Park of Washington, Pa., and they have one daughter, Lulu Temple Kyle.

JAMES H. HIGBE, postmaster and proprietor of a general store at Gastonville, Pa., has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, and was born Aug. 29, 1851, on a farm in Union Township, and is a son of Henry and Maria (Atcheson) Higbe.

Henry Higbe was born in 1819, on a farm in Union Township, and inherited part of the same after the death of his father, Benjamin Higbe, who was one of the early settlers of the county and the owner of a large tract of land in Washington and Allegheny Counties. Henry Higbe, like his father, engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life on the home farm, where his death occurred in May, 1873. He was united in marriage with Maria Atcheson, who is still living, and to them were born the following children: James H.; Elizabeth, deceased; Susan C., deceased, was the wife of George Martin, deceased; Newton W., and Ethel B., who is the wife of Henry Scholt.

James H. Higbe grew to manhood on the homestead farm, part of which he subsequently inherited, and in 1894 came to Gastonville, where for a short time he conducted a meat market, after which he opened his present general store, which he operates in connection with his duties as postmaster, which position he has filled since December 1, 1898. Mr. Higbe makes his home at Gastonville with his aged mother. He is a Republican in politics.

FRANK RIVA, who is the proprietor of the Frank Riva Clothing and Shoe Store located at 524 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pa., where he also conducts a steamship agency, has been a resident of Charleroi since December 22, 1896, and is one of the wealthiest citizens of the city. He was born Feb. 8, 1871, in the northern part of Italy, and is a son of John Riva. He was reared in Italy, and at the age of 11 years began learning carpentering and cabinet-making, and when about 18 years of age went to London, England, where he worked for five years in a cabinet and piano factory. He then came to America, located at Philadelphia, and there entered a factory, and in 1895 came to Charleroi, where he was united in marriage with Josephine Brusa, a daughter of Angelo Brusa, who was one of the early settlers of Charleroi. After his marriage he returned to Philadelphia for about 18 months, and then came to Charleroi to remain permanently. He established the steamship agency, and subsequently opened the present shoe





HAMILTON R. POST



RESIDENCE OF HAMILTON R. POST, SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



and clothing store, later bought and rebuilt his present business block, and is recognized as one of the most successful business men of Charleoi.

Mr. and Mrs. Riva are the parents of the following children: Adeleina, Edmund, Caroline, Frank, Mary, Ema, Victor, and Dora, the last named dying during the summer of 1909, at the age of two years and six months.

HAMILTON R. POST, one of South Franklin Township's public-spirited men and reliable and substantial citizens, who is now serving in his second term as a member of the township school board, owns one of the fine farms of this section, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Post was born in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., Mar. 23, 1856, and is a son of Stephen Post, a former resident of South Franklin Township, whose death occurred Aug. 31, 1909.

The late Stephen Post was born in what is now South Franklin Township, Washington County, Aug. 23, 1824, a son of Samuel and Nellie (Day) Post, both natives of Washington County. The Post family was established in Washington County by the father of Samuel Post, who probably was born in Ireland. Samuel Post died when his son Stephen was small, and the latter was reared by his mother and gained his education in the schools of Morris Township, afterward engaging in farming and stock raising, mainly in South Franklin Township. For many years he was a man of prominence here, taking an active part in the township's development and government, and served several terms in the office of road supervisor. He was one of the liberal supporters of the Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church at Prosperity, of which he was an elder for a half century. Stephen Post was married (first) Oct. 3, 1850, to Elizabeth Wier, daughter of Joseph Wier, of Washington County, and they had two children, both of whom are deceased. He was married (second) May 15, 1855, to Anna Ringland, daughter of Col. Thomas Ringland, and one of their children survives, Hamilton R., of South Franklin Township. His third marriage took place on Mar. 21, 1861, to Sarah Tucker, a daughter of John Tucker, and three children were born to that union, namely: John N., who resides in South Franklin Township; Frank B., who is in the hardware business at Washington and is a member of the firm of Paul and Post; and Mary L., who is the wife of A. L. Lindley, of South Franklin Township.

Hamilton R. Post was educated in the schools of South Franklin Township, and through life his main interests have been centered here. From boyhood he has been familiar with farming and stock raising and his long experience makes him very successful. He devotes quite a large amount of attention to growing wool

and has 500 sheep and also horses and cattle. He has 177 acres in the farm on which his son Homer S. Post lives, and Mrs. Post is the owner of the Demas Lindley farm of 272 acres, which was willed to her by her uncle, Demas Lindley, by whom she was reared, as she was but ten days old at her mother's death. In 1905, Mr. Post purchased a tract of 20 acres, on which formerly stood the blacksmith shop of William Manor, and here, in 1906, he erected a fine modern, two-story and a half brick residence, which is one of the most attractive rural homes in this part of the county.

On Oct. 16, 1879, Mr. Post was married to Miss Sarah A. Lindley, a daughter of the late Cephas Lindley, of South Franklin Township, and they have had five children: Demas L., Homer S., Grace L., Lovina A. and Frank W., the last named residing at home. Demas L. lives on the old home place. Homer S. resides in South Franklin Township. He married Miss Effie Pipes, a daughter of Thompson Pipes, and they have one son, Stephen Hubert Post. Grace L. married Martin Elliott, of South Franklin Township, and they have one son, Donald Post Elliott. Lovina A. married Bird Grey, of South Franklin Township, and they have one son, Ralph H. Grey. Mr. Post has the satisfaction of having his children all settled near him and thus is able to enjoy their companionship. For many years he has been a deacon in the Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren, for a long time previously having been a member of the Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party to a large extent, although his views on temperance lead him to also consider the claims of the Prohibition party.

ALEXANDER J. CULBERTSON, D. D. S., who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., for the past twenty-five years, during which time he has been successfully engaged in the practice of dental surgery, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he was reared and educated. He graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dentistry of Philadelphia, with the class of 1885, after which he immediately came to Washington, where he has since been established in the practice of dental surgery.

In 1891, Dr. Culbertson was united in marriage with Etta Ruple, who comes of one of the old established families of Washington County, and of their union have been born two sons, James B., who is a student at the Indiana State Normal, and Alexander J.

Dr. Culbertson is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Improved Order of Heptasophs at Washington.

D. T. McCONNELL, a leading citizen of Cecil Township, whose valuable farm of 100 acres is situated one-

half mile southwest of Bishop, Pa., was born March 4, 1847, on this same farm, which has been in the McConnell name for some 115 years. His parents were David and Sarah (Campbell) McConnell.

Alexander McConnell, the grandfather, purchased the farm alluded to from a Mr. Black, during the whiskey insurrection, and in turn it became the property of David McConnell, father of D. T., whom it is believed was born after the family came to Cecil Township. David McConnell cultivated this land until his death, which occurred in June, 1873. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and was one of the founders of the church at Venice. He married Sarah Campbell, a daughter of John Campbell, residing near McDonald, and they had ten children: David, Alexander and Jane, all of whom are deceased; John; Margaret; Elizabeth; Isabella; Alexander, who still lives on the old place; David T. and Sarah. The mother of this family died in April, 1881, and both she and husband were interred in the church cemetery at Venice.

D. T. McConnell has been engaged in farming ever since his school days were over and the condition of his land testifies to his thoroughness as an agriculturist. He still has about ten acres in valuable timber. No tests have ever been made for oil or gas.

Mr. McConnell married Miss Ella Jane Wallace, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Craig) Wallace, natives of Ireland who came to America and lived in Allegheny County. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have had seven children: Harry Alexander, Mary, Margaret, George E., Thomas C., Elizabeth, John F., and Ella Jane. George E. is deceased. The father of Mr. McConnell was long a member of the church at Robinson's Run, in Allegheny County, but the latter has always been connected with the United Presbyterian Church at Venice. He is a Democrat but has never sought nor desired public office of any kind.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, general merchant at Elrama, Pa., has been a resident of Washington County since 1866. He was born in Scotland, April 3, 1848, and is the only child of William and Margaret (Harper) Simpson, both of whom were born and reared in Airdrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

In 1866 the Simpsons came to America and settled in Washington County, Pa., at Linnetown, now known as Shire Oaks. The father was a merchant and in search of a desirable location, shortly afterward moved to McKeesport, Pa., where his death soon occurred, following that of his wife.

After the death of his parents, William Simpson remained at McKeesport for ten years, during which period he operated a ferry, and then returned to Washington County and accepted the management of the Cliff

Mine Company store and served as ticket agent at White Mills for the P. V. & C. Railroad and later the Pennsylvania road which bought out the other line, and continued the store there until in November, 1906. He still has in his possession a pass issued by the old P. V. & C. R. R., one of the few probably preserved. In 1906 he embarked in his present business enterprises at Elrama, and in addition to carrying a full line of general merchandise, is agent for the leading steamship lines. He has the distinction of being the pioneer merchant of the place and retains customers who dealt with him as far back as 1876. He has been in business for himself since 1889.

In November, 1876, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Sarah Greenhalgh, a daughter of Robert Greenhalgh, a well known coal operator of this section. Mrs. Simpson died in 1905, leaving two children: Sallie, who married Thomas A. Pritchard, has one child, Robert S. Pritchard; and John C., who married Nellie Campbell and has two children: William and Iva. Mr. Simpson has been a member of Advance Lodge of Odd Fellows since 1876 and for twenty-five years has been secretary of this body. In politics he is a Republican.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON, M. D., one of the representative physicians and leading citizens of Washington, Pa., was born November 16, 1873, in Washington, Pa., and is a son of Dr. William R. Thompson, one of the leading physicians of Washington.

Albert E. Thompson was reared in Washington, and after a preliminary education graduated from the Washington and Jefferson College with the class of 1895, after which he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1898. He was then resident physician of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital of Pittsburg for one year, since which time he has been located in Washington, engaged in the practice of his profession, and is recognized as one of the rising young physicians of the city. He is treasurer of the Washington County Medical Society, is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, also the College of Physicians of Pittsburg, and the Washington Post-Graduate Society, and is a member of the surgical staff of the City Hospital of Washington. Dr. Thompson has always taken an active interest in local politics, has served two years as physician of the Washington County Home, and two years as physician to the County Jail. Socially, he is a member and vice-president of the Bassett Club; fraternally, a member of the Eagles, of which he has served as physician; and religiously, a member and a deacon in the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington.

On October 11, 1900, Dr. Thompson was married to Lou H. Miller, a daughter of T. D. Miller, of Fayette



County, and they have one daughter, Helen Miller Thompson.

JOHN SIMMONS, who is a member of an old family of western Pennsylvania, and is one of the heirs of the large Simmons estate, in Union Township, Washington County, has made his home just across the line in Allegheny County, since 1903. He was born in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., August 18, 1857, a son of John and Rhoda (Higbee) Simmons.

Peter Simmons, the grandfather, brought his family and his household possessions to Allegheny County from New Jersey, at an early date. He owned a large farm on which was a stone house which was a landmark, just over the Washington County line, until within a few years since, when it was destroyed. The children of Peter Simmons and wife are all deceased.

John Simmons was the third born in a family of nine children and he was in early manhood when he accompanied the other members of the family here from New Jersey, making the most of the distance on foot, most likely driving cattle and stock. Later he purchased the Union Township farm in Washington County, owned by his heirs, and both he and wife died on the above farm. They had the following children born to them: Joseph H., deceased; William; Sarah and Margaret Ann, both deceased; Peter H.; John; and Philip N., who is deceased.

John Simmons obtained the usual country school education afforded to the children of farmers within a certain radius, but he, like others, had to go to work early on the farm. When he grew older and could decide his future for himself, he chose to learn the carpenter trade, which he followed for some twenty years, doing a large proportion of work in his line in his immediate neighborhood. He continued to live on the home farm until 1903, when he bought the place on which he resides, from Mrs. Mathias J. Guinn.

On June 23, 1903, Mr. Simmons was married to Miss Mary McQuisten, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Braden McQuisten, and they have four children: John A., Oliver P., Samuel M. and Rhoda May. Mr. Simmons and wife belong to the Baptist Church, in which he is a deacon. He is a Republican.

JOSEPH W. HUNTER, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Charleroi, and vice-president of the Washington County Medical Society, has been identified with the medical profession of Charleroi since April 1, 1898. He was born October 8, 1865, on a farm near Buffalo, Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William W. and Elizabeth (Smiley) Hunter, prominent and highly esteemed citizens of the village of Buffalo.

Joseph Hunter was reared on his father's farm and after attending the district schools and taking an academic course at the Buffalo Academy, entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated with the class of 1893. He then spent one year in hospital work in Philadelphia, after which he embarked in the practice of medicine at Buena Vista, Allegheny County, Pa., where he continued with much success until 1898. He then came to Charleroi, where he has since been located at No. 406 Washington avenue. In December, 1908, he was elected vice-president of the Washington County Medical Association, of which he has been a member since coming to the county. Dr. Hunter is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. In the fall of 1899, Dr. Hunter married Martha Jane Nicholas.

JAMES JUNK, who for many years was a leading farmer and stock raiser of Fayette County, Pa., and later an esteemed retired citizen of Washington, died in this city in 1902, leaving the clear record of a long, kindly and useful life. He was born in Fayette County in 1841 and continued to reside there during the whole of his active business life.

In early manhood Mr. Junk was married to Miss Louisa Wells, who was born in Fayette County, near Brownsville, a daughter of Joseph Wells and a member of one of the old and leading families of Fayette County. Mr. and Mrs. Junk had four children: Frances, who married Rev. C. L. McKee, of LeMoyné avenue, Washington; Anna Mary, who died aged ten months; Margaret, who is the wife of John W. McDowell, an attorney of Washington; and Ruth, who resides with her mother, in their beautiful home at No. 52 South Wade avenue. To the education of his daughters, the father gave close attention. The eldest daughter was a student at Westminster College and both Margaret and Ruth, at the Washington Seminary. They are all ladies of superior culture and many accomplishments. Mr. Junk was a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church and one of its board of trustees. He was an early member of the Prohibition party at Washington and was a strong advocate of temperance in all things.

WILLIAM JOHN MILLER, a prosperous agriculturist, residing two and one-half miles southeast of McDonald, Pa., owns a fine farm of 148 acres situated in Cecil Township, which he devotes largely to stock and dairy purposes, having high-grade cattle. He was born in Ireland, September 19, 1837, and is a son of Richard and Mary Ann (Ramsey) Miller.

The parents of Mr. Miller came to America with their family, in 1847, and settled in Washington County, Pa. They had the following children: James R., who re-

sides on the homestead in Cecil Township; Jane; Richard, who is deceased; Daniel, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Shane; and William John.

W. J. Miller was ten years old when his parents came to America and settled on the farm in Cecil Township, where he has lived ever since. He assisted in the erecting of the buildings now standing and has been the owner of the homestead for a number of years. He sold the coal deposits to W. P. Renn, who later disposed of them to the Pittsburg Coal Company and there are no open banks now on the farm. He has seven valuable oil and gas wells on the place. All the land has been cleared off except fifteen acres and this standing timber is considered very valuable.

On January 1, 1867, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Sarah E. McWhennie, a daughter of James McWhennie, of Cecil Township, and they have nine children: Richard R., who resides in Allegheny City; James M., who resides in the State of California; Thomas S.; Anna Gertrude Matilda, who resides in Allegheny City; and Mary Jane, Elizabeth, Sarah Wilhelmina, W. J., Jr., and Isabella English, all reside at home. Mr. Miller and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Robinson Run. Mr. Miller is a staunch Republican. He is one of the stockholders in the McDonald Trust Company.

CHARLES L. CRAWFORD, who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., since May 8, 1888, when he came as superintendent of the Northrop Shops, which position he still retains, was born in November, 1867, in Hazel Green, Wis. When very young Mr. Crawford was brought east by his parents and was reared and educated in Philadelphia, where he remained until about 21 years of age, when he came to Washington, Pa., where he began learning the machinist's trade with the Standard Machine Company. One year later this company discontinued business and he then entered the employ of B. D. Northrop, and with the exception of one year spent at the Allegheny shops, and one year at the Hazel Glass Company's No. 1 Machine Shop, he has been continuously in the employ of Mr. Northrop ever since, as superintendent of the shops, which covers a period of 15 years.

In September, 1894, Mr. Crawford was joined in marriage with Nora F. Weills, of Washington, and to them have been born: Charles L. and Marian Shirley Crawford. Mr. Crawford is a member of the Presbyterian Church, at Washington.

WILLIAM JAMES ELLIOTT, farmer, gardener and fruit grower, whose land is situated on the Elizabeth State road, about two miles east of Finleyville, in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in this

township, March 20, 1860, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Lowers) Elliott.

Thomas Elliott was born in England, where his father died. In boyhood Thomas Elliott began work in the mines under hard conditions, the miners having to push the coal out by hand. He was eighteen years old when he accompanied his mother and three brothers to America and was the youngest of the family. The two older brothers are living—James, in Missouri; and Joseph, in Kansas; but the third, Ralph, is deceased. When the Elliott family reached America they settled first in Ohio and then came to Washington County and for many years afterward Thomas Elliott followed mining along the Monongahela River. He now lives retired at Charleroi, Pa. At Youngstown, Ohio, he married Sarah Lowers, who is a member of an old family of western Pennsylvania. Nine children were born to them: William James; Agnes, who is the wife of Rev. S. M. V. Hess; Joseph S.; Charles; Jennie; Robert F.; Ella, who is the wife of William Parks; John, and Elizabeth.

William James Elliott had few school advantages, attending a school at Coal Bluff for a short time, but by the time he was 11 years of age he was working as a miner along the Monongahela River and continued that hard life until 1897, when he bought his present farm from the Kerr and Beatty estate. He has done considerable improving and in 1907 erected the new residence. Mr. Elliott does truck farming and raises small fruits, having both a retail and wholesale market for his berries, which are unusually fine and abundant on account of the excellent care and cultivation he gives them.

In June, 1882, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Ada Barkby, and they have had three children: Edith, who teaches school at Canonsburg; Norman J., who died in 1905, aged sixteen years; and Mary A. Mr. Elliott and family belong to the Methodist Protestant Church at Coal Bluff, of which he is a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. He occupies the same relation with the church at Gastonville. For the past twelve years he has acceptably filled the office of road supervisor, for six years served as township assessor and for one year was constable. He is a Republican.

EDWARD J. MURPHY, who for twenty years has been a resident of Washington and is successfully identified with oil production in this section, was born at Montreal, Can., in 1848, and is a son of Owen Murphy, a native of Ireland.

Edward J. Murphy was reared near Rome, N. Y., and in his earlier years followed farming. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. I, 15th N. Y. Eng. Corps, and remained in the army until the close of hostilities. He was attached to the Army of



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the Potomac and was stationed near City Point and Petersburg, Va. After his honorable discharge he returned to New York and resumed farming for a time and then decided to visit the Pennsylvania oil fields. From Titusville in Crawford County, he went to Venango County, and from there to the Clarion County fields and later worked in the fields of Butler, Westmoreland and Greene counties, reaching Washington County about 1889. He has prospered in the oil industry and now has valuable wells in Washington County, Pa., and in West Virginia and Ohio. He is a representative citizen of Washington, taking an interest and doing his part in public matters and at times has been a valuable member of the city council.

In 1890, Mr. Murphy was married to Pauline Houch, of Grapeville, Pa. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and is identified with the Knights of Columbus, with the Elks and the German Beneficial Union.

WILLIAM ALLEN KENNEDY, postmaster and general merchant at Courtney, Pa., has been a resident of Washington County all his life and was born in Union Township, January 7, 1850, a son of Thomas and Hannah E. (Roberts) Kennedy.

The Kennedy family was established in Washington County by the great-grandfather, James Kennedy, who came here from Ireland. Here his nine children were born and here he and wife died in old age. Thomas Kennedy was a son of Samuel Kennedy, a son of James Kennedy, and spent his life in Washington County, in early manhood marrying Hannah E. Roberts, also of Washington County. They had three children: John F., William Allen and Samuel, the latter of whom is deceased. Thomas Kennedy died in 1865, when aged thirty-nine years. His widow survived until 1894, dying when aged seventy-four years.

William Allen Kennedy grew to manhood on the home farm, went to the neighboring schools until he was seventeen years of age and then began to teach, and filled positions in both Union and Carroll Townships for about four years, after which he spent three years profitably in the oil fields. Mr. Kennedy then embarked in the mercantile business, opening a store at Houston's Run, in Union Township, but later removed to Courtney and has been postmaster of the town since 1905. For twelve years Mr. Kennedy was manager of the coal company which makes Courtney its headquarters. He has been a very active member of the Republican party and an important factor in directing its policies in this section. For three successive terms he served as auditor of Washington County, and for fifteen years has served on the school board.

In 1873, Mr. Kennedy was married (first) to Margaret Van Kirk, who died in 1901. To that marriage were

born the following children: Frank, who married Alice Brown, has three children—Mildred, Margaret and Gladys; Edith, a daughter, and Adam, a son, are both deceased; Samuel, who is a physician, married Gladys Emery and they have one child, William Finley. In 1904, Mr. Kennedy was married (second) to Laura Dias, and they have one daughter, Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Elks, Monongahela Lodge, No. 455.

W. M. HART, a pioneer merchant at California, Pa., is the senior member of the firm of W. M. Hart & Son, grocers, and has been continuously in this business and at the same stand, since the winter of 1874-5. It is one of the landmark points. Mr. Hart was born at Magnolia, Carroll County, Ohio, July 7, 1837, and is a son of William and Maria L. Hart.

The mother of Mr. Hart died in his infancy and his father, who was a merchant, in Ohio. The boy remained at home until he was nine years old and was then sent to Virginia, now West Virginia, and remained on a farm there until he was eighteen, when he became an employee of a canal company, and he drove a team on the Ohio Canal from Cleveland to Portsmouth, Ohio, for a year. He then went to railroading and was baggage-man on the first express train that ran between Marietta and Cincinnati, Ohio, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He remained on the railroad for two years and then came back to West Virginia, locating opposite Wellsville, Ohio, taking charge of the ferry between Wellsville and Hamilton, W. Va. This was his business at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. Although the greater part of his life had been spent in Virginia, he was loyal to the Union at heart, and one of his neighbors, James Steel, who had been a boyhood comrade, was equally so. Mr. Hart put out the first United States flag that floated to the breeze in West Virginia and Mr. Steel's sister and the daughters of William Hamilton, kept that flag floating at this point, all through the war. Thousands of United States soldiers had their hearts gladdened by the sight of it as they passed up and down the river, and cheered it to the echo. James Steel served all through the war and spent eighteen months in southern prisons, living through every kind of hardship only to return and meet death in an accident, drowning in ten inches of oil.

When the war broke out, Mr. Hart was one of the first to enlist in his section, entering Co. I, 1st Va. Inf., for three months, in April, 1861, and at the expiration of this time he re-enlisted in Co. F, 1st Va. Vol. Inf., contracting for three years. He served as corporal of his company until January 1, 1863, when he was appointed hospital steward of the regiment, and during the remainder of the time was mainly with the Army of

West Virginia. In the winter of 1864 he again re-enlisted, as a veteran. His regiment and the 4th W. Va., Inf. consolidated, forming the 2nd W. Va. Vet. Inf., and Mr. Hart was made hospital steward of this organization and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Clarksburg, W. Va., August 1, 1865.

After this long continued period of military service, Mr. Hart returned to peaceful pursuits and as that was a time of great activity in the Pennsylvania oil regions, he went there and remained for several years, after which he returned to Hamilton, W. Va., and in the winter of 1873-4 entered into the grocery business at Pittsburg, in partnership with Samuel Steel under the firm name of Steel & Hart. One year later he came to California and has lived here ever since. His first location was on the corner of Union and Second streets, which is the present site of the Odd Fellows' building, but in 1877 he was burned out and when he resumed business it was at his present stand.

At California, in 1876, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Bessie Eberman, a daughter of George M. Eberman, a pioneer boat builder and one of the founders of California. They have one son and one daughter. William E. is associated with his father in business. Pearl is the wife of C. I. Lewis, of East Pittsburg, and they have two children: George William and Elizabeth.

Mr. Hart has ever been an active and useful citizen. For several years he served as president of the borough council and was also borough treasurer. He has given encouragement to the cause of education and has served on the school board, and has so carried on his business that he is respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens. He is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 168.

JOHN McKEOWN, deceased, formerly a highly respected resident of Washington, Pa., was one of the prominent and successful oil producers of Pennsylvania, and a strictly self-made man. He was born on a farm three miles from Newry, in the parish of Newtown Cloughage, County Armagh, Ireland, and was a son of Bernard and Margaret McKeown.

Coming from his native land to America, he landed at the port of New York, in April, 1865, on the day that its citizens were bowed down with grief and observing the obsequies of the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, and his warm Irish heart was touched with sympathy for those with whom he expected to spend the remainder of his life. He was willing to work at anything that came to hand and his evident honesty procured him enough small jobs to keep him from want, but this class of work was not the kind he had crossed the ocean to find and when opportunities for better things were presented in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, he soon

was on the ground at Petroleum Center, in Venango County. From there he went to Parker's Landing, in Armstrong County, where he found an abundance of work at remunerative wages and it was there, while working by the day, that he determined to become a proprietor instead of a laborer. Economy was necessary for a time, but he gradually accumulated the funds that he used for his first venture in contracting and drilling which developed into producing.

Mr. McKeown's first marked success as an oil producer was in Bradford and Washington fields. In nearly all his early ventures he was alone, taking all the risks himself and avoiding business alliances, and no man ever worked harder or put in longer hours than he in order to gain a footing which he felt sure would end in fortune. There are those who remember him wrapped in a rubber coat and wearing a slouch hat, this garb making him a recognized figure, when he would ride his powerful horse knee deep in mud or snow, at all hours of the night, looking after his men and the work. He gave his personal attention to his wells, hired his own workers, negotiated for all materials without the aid of a middle man, and let no details, however small, escape his attention. In 1885 he moved his family to Washington, leased 1,000 acres of land and commenced operations for oil, and such was his success that at the height of the oil excitement in Washington County, his wells were producing 10,000 barrels a day. His business grew to such vast proportions that it would have strained the nerves of a half dozen ordinary men to merely supervise it; but with his constitution and well regulated business methods, he managed every detail. However this could not last, and at length Nature began to take toll. The hard work combined with the exposure began to tell on his unusually robust constitution, and his devoted wife vainly begged him to take a rest. He continued, however, until he broke completely down and at length was not able to arise from his bed. The eminent physicians summoned from Pittsburg and Philadelphia were not able, with all their medicaments and skill to restore his squandered vitality and this remarkable man passed out of life, while comparatively young. He was born April 4, 1839, and died February 8, 1891, his age being fifty-two years. His burial was in Calvary Catholic Cemetery at Pittsburg, in the presence of a great concourse who had come to pay their token of respect, among these being many who had been admiring competitors and hundreds of those who, in his employ, had received the justice which he had not only demanded at all times for himself, but never failed to give others. No matter how men had differed with him in opinion on many subjects, one and all they accorded their meed of praise for his courage, perseverance, energy and honesty.

Mr. McKeown was married at Petroleum Center to

Mrs. Sarah King who survives and resides in her handsome residence on the corner of Maiden and College streets, Washington. Five sons were born to them, all of whom reside at Washington: Arthur J., Byron D. J., James B., Scott Alexander and John Mc. Of the above sons, Scott A. McKeown was born at Parker's Landing, Pa., and has been identified with oil production during the whole of his mature life. In 1905 he was married to Miss Emily Quin, of Bradford, Pa., and they reside in the beautiful McKeown homestead at No. 106 Maiden street.

Although a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Washington, Mrs. McKeown, in desiring to honor her late husband, presented to the Catholic Church at Washington, which he attended, a most beautiful memorial window, which cost \$1,000. In Calvary Cemetery, in Pittsburg, she has had erected, under her own supervision, a fine Italian marble vault, with bronze doors which were made by Tiffany, New York. On the outside is pictured the derrick of the Martin oil well, No. 4, which was the source of Mr. McKeown's fortune to a large degree, one which, in its development, took so much of his energy and strength.

SAMUEL DICKSON, general farmer, residing on his valuable tract of forty acres of land, situated one mile north of Canonsburg, Pa., in Cecil Township, was born in Ireland, June 17, 1845, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dickson) Dickson.

The father of Mr. Dickson died when he was but two weeks old. The mother was left with two small sons: William and Samuel. William Dickson was the first of the family to come to America and he settled in Washington County nine years before his mother and Samuel joined him. William Dickson is a respected resident of South Canonsburg. He married Margaret Ferguson.

Samuel Dickson obtained all his schooling in his native land. In 1863 he accompanied his mother to America and they settled on the present site of the Reform School at Morgantown, where Samuel engaged in farming. Mrs. Dickson became well known and highly esteemed in the community. She survived into old age, her death occurring in 1899, in her ninety-third year. Her burial was in Oak Springs Cemetery. For many years she had been a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1887, Mr. Dickson was married (first) to Miss Agnes Jane Allen, daughter of James Allen, of Ireland. She left no children. He was married (second) to Miss Sarah Valentine, a daughter of James Valentine, of Canonsburg. After his first marriage he resided for a time in Cecil Township and then moved to South Fayette Township, in Allegheny County, for a few years, but subsequently returned to Cecil Township and in 1895 bought his present farm. It was in good condition and required

no new buildings. Tests for oil and gas had already been made, but Mr. Dickson has had no drilling done since he came into possession. Both he and wife are members of the Center Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He votes with the Republican party.

WILLIAM B. MCCHAIN, who resides on his farm of twenty-five acres, which lies in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., about one and one-half miles east of Finleyville, Pa., carries on general farming and also does butchering. He was born at the Twelve-Mile House, in Allegheny County, Pa., September 17, 1852, and is a son of James and Margaret (Kelley) McChain.

The parents of Mr. McChain were both natives of Ireland. The grandfather was Hugh McChain, who followed deep sea fishing and lived in a coast town, in County Down, Ireland. James McChain was born in 1812, in his father's house at Ballywalter, this town being sixteen miles distant from Belfast, Ireland. James became a sailor when young and later a pilot on boats passing up the dangerous channel. He learned shoemaking and also was in the limestone and coal business in County Down and owned two lime kilns there. During his life he crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times, coming first to America in 1832. He visited New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and walked the whole distance from the latter city to Pittsburg. He left that place on Christmas Day and started back east, working his way until he reached St. John's New Brunswick, where he shipped as a sailor and in that way crossed to Ireland. He received a hearty welcome and was shortly afterward married to Margaret Kelley, who survived him, dying in Union Township, Washington County, many years later, aged eighty-six years. Her father had been an officer in the Dragoons, in the battle of Waterloo.

James McChain and wife remained in Ireland for a number of years after marriage, seven children having been born to them before they emigrated to America. These were, John, (deceased) Maria, Sarah, Margaret, Elizabeth, John and James. In 1846, when James, who is now deceased, was eight months old, James McChain and family took passage on the sailing vessel, Standard, which proved a seaworthy ship and after a voyage of four weeks' duration, they landed in the United States. They lived for a short time in Allegheny County and then moved to Nottingham Township, Washington County, where Mr. McChain followed shoemaking until 1855, when he removed to Finleyville. Two years later he moved from there to Twelve-Mile House, in Allegheny County, afterward buying a tract of eleven acres on Mingo Creek, in Carroll Township, which he sold in 1859 and then took his family back to Ireland. Mr. McChain evidently discovered that the United States offered a man with a large family better opportunities than an

old-world country, and in a few months he was back in America, shortly afterward buying a farm of ten acres in Union Township, Washington County, to which he later added 100 acres. He died on that farm at the age of seventy-one years. After coming to America the first time, Mr. and Mrs. McChain had five more children born to them, namely: Hugh, Edward, William, Rachel and Robert Campbell.

William McChain lived with his parents until he was married and helped clear up the home farm in Union Township. He had three months of schooling each winter for several years, but had no other educational advantages. On May 8, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary Finley, a daughter of John A. Finley, and they have six children: Edward, who resides with his father; William J., who married Nora De Vore; and James C., Mary, Margaret and Edith.

After he was married, Mr. McChain lived on the John Finley farm in Union Township for twelve years, then worked for two years in the coal mines at Twelve-Mile House. In 1893 he purchased his present farm from John Finley and ever since has made a specialty of dealing in cattle and horses and also butchering, operating a meat wagon that makes stated trips through the surrounding country.

Mr. McChain is an influential Democrat and has frequently been the choice of his party in the township for public office. He has never been anxious for political favors, however, and when elected road commissioner, resigned the office after serving for two years, and when elected constable, declined to serve at all.

WILLIAM M. IRWIN, proprietor of the Clover Leaf Dairy, with business location at No. 237 Addison street, West Washington, Pa., was born in Canton Township, Washington County, Pa., September 21, 1863, and is a son of William C. and Mary (Dye) Irwin, and a great-grandson of David Irwin, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County. Tracing this family from its beginning to the present, it is found that it has contributed largely to the county's best citizenship.

William M. Irwin was reared in Canton Township, and remained on the home farm until his marriage, in the meanwhile obtaining his education in the old log pile school house in Canton Township. After marriage he moved to Washington, where he was engaged in the lumber and sawmill business for some seven years and spent about the same length of time in the coal and the butchering business, since when he has given his attention to the dairy business and the manufacturing of ice cream. He invested in realty in Washington and in association with his brother, Clifford T. Irwin, erected the substantial Irwin building on West Chestnut street. He has been

a very active citizen and has served three years as a member of the council of West Washington, being president of the body for two years, served also as tax collector for two years and as auditor for three years, this prominence fairly well indicating the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

In 1884, Mr. Irwin was married (first) to Miss Della M. Braden, a daughter of John Braden and a member of one of the old county families. Mrs. Irwin's death was from the result of an accident which shocked the whole city. With her helpless little son, Thomas Jefferson, in her arms, she was struck by a B. & O. Railroad train at Elwood crossing, death being instantaneous. Two other children survived: Reba, who died of diphtheria, aged ten years; and Grover C., who resides on a farm at Oak Grove, Washington County. Mr. Irwin was married (second) to Miss Blanche L. McClure, daughter of Joseph and Martha McClure, of Thomas Station, Washington County, and they have had five children: Orla Rea, who is a student at Grove City; and Donald J., Palmer, Trevor and Florence. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Musicians' Union and has a private orchestra which is made up of the members of his own family, all being very talented. He belongs also to the P. O. S. of A., the Jr. O. U. A. M., to the order of Ben Hur and the G. B. Union. For twenty years he has been affiliated with the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington.

DAVID HAMILTON FEE, president of The Notes Publishing and Printing Company, at Canonsburg, Pa., is widely known in this section of Western Pennsylvania, having been engaged in active newspaper work for a longer period than any other member of the profession in Washington County. In addition to championing various public interests for years, he has been a notable factor in temperance work, and takes justifiable pride in the fact that The Notes was the first newspaper in Washington County to advocate local option. He was born on the Fee homestead, in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., July 9, 1853, and is a son of the late John and Hannah (Quinn) Fee.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Fee, Abraham Fee, emigrated to America from Ireland. He lived first in Maryland, but came to Washington County, Pa., about the year 1800. He was a tailor by trade, and died in Canonsburg about 1809. Another of Mr. Fee's ancestors was David Hamilton, who came from Franklin County, Pa., to the Rich Hills of South Strabane Township in 1780, having been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He acquired a large tract of land on the Rich Hills, on which he continued to reside until his death in 1840. He was aged 90 years less ten days. His burial was in the burying ground near Cross Roads United Presby-





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terian Church. He often told proudly of having seen his old commander, Gen. George Washington, when the latter visited his lands on Miller's Run in 1783.

William Fee, son of Abraham, was born in Maryland and came to Washington County with his father about the year 1800. He was a man of intelligence and considerable education, and served several terms as a justice of the peace in Chartiers Township. He was also one of the early and successful teachers in the schools of this section of Washington County. His wife was Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of David Hamilton, the Rich Hill pioneer referred to above. Six children were born to them, namely: David Hamilton, Samuel, John, William Gilman, Elizabeth and Harriet, who married William Harsha, of Chartiers Township. David and Samuel died in early manhood; William devoted himself to school teaching and served two terms as superintendent of the public schools of Washington County, 1869 to 1875. He spent the last 25 years of his life in Cherokee County, Iowa, where he died October 13, 1905.

John Fee, son of William Fee and father of David Hamilton Fee, was born in North Strabane Township, March 10, 1817, but lived the greater part of his life in Chartiers Township. Although the entire Fee family is identified with the United Presbyterian Church, John Fee, when an infant, was baptized by the noted John McMillan, D. D., long pastor of the Chartiers Presbyterian Church, locally known as the Hill Church. In early manhood Mr. Fee was united in marriage with Hannah Quinn, who was born in Washington, Pa., in 1827. Mrs. Fee's father was James Quinn. He was a native of Ireland, but came to America in his boyhood days, and died suddenly in Wheeling, while still a comparatively young man. He was a stonemason by trade. He was survived by his wife and four small children. Mrs. Fee, at the time of her father's death, was only 4 years of age. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Campbell, and her mother, again, was Frances McBride. Mr. Fee was a carpenter and builder by occupation, being a master mechanic, and helped construct the county court house erected at Washington in 1845-6, which structure preceded the present county building. He also did work on many of the better class of buildings and dwellings erected in Washington and surrounding country. He was interested in the cause of popular education, and served a number of terms as school director. Retiring from the building business he engaged in farming, and for many years and at the time of his death was the owner of the Fee homestead in Chartiers Township. He was an earnest Christian, and for many years was active in the affairs of the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church. He was a man who stood for the best things in the community's social and political life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fee were born six sons and two

daughters: John Nesbit, Lyda A., who own and reside on the Fee homestead, Chartiers Township; Rebecca J. married Matthew A. Cain, of Canonsburg, Pa., died February, 1906; she was the mother of two daughters, Blanche (died August, 1901,) and Hazel; Samuel G., a carpenter by trade and resides in Chartiers Township, married Anna, daughter of Samuel McCoy; their children are Howard, Belle, Charles, Anna, Hilda, Hannah and John; Ellis Gray, living in Chartiers Township, who married Catherine Stewart, has children, Arthur, Elizabeth, Clair and Ellis Gray; Harry, a farmer in Chartiers Township, married Jennie McCarty, their children being Alvin Arthur, John Stanley, Walter Leslie, Harry Glenn, and Lois Elizabeth; and William H., of Canonsburg, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

John Fee died in Chartiers Township Dec. 13, 1895, and was followed June 30, 1901, by Mrs. Fee.

David Hamilton Fee was born in Chartiers Township July 9, 1853. He enjoyed educational advantages in the public schools, Jefferson Academy and local normal schools. At Jefferson Academy he was a student under the well-known Prof. William Ewing. Mr. Fee engaged in teaching school in 1881-2, and then purchased an interest in the Canonsburg Notes, and within a few months became sole proprietor and editor of the paper, then a weekly publication. He conducted the business on his own account for ten years, when he associated with him his brother, William H. Fee, who had come into the office in 1883. The publication of The Notes was carried on for the ensuing twelve years by this firm, under the name of D. H. and William H. Fee. On April 18, 1894, they took hazards in establishing a daily edition, at a time when Canonsburg was hardly more than a village. The paper, however, by careful attention, succeeded, and The Daily Notes soon became a permanent fixture. Today its circulation is more than 2,000 copies, being taken in practically every home in the community where a newspaper enters. So firmly fixed became the daily edition that the weekly, which had enjoyed a large circulation, was discontinued at the close of 1905, and all attention directed to the daily. When the present Notes Publishing and Printing Company was formed, in the autumn of 1904, Mr. Fee was elected president of the company, and this position he still holds. He is also the senior editor of the paper and directs its general policy. The Notes is known far and wide as a paper that stands for what is right, and is not afraid to speak its opinions. Mr. Fee is an independent Republican in politics, but no political alliances interfere with his support of measures which he feels will benefit Canonsburg. Mr. Fee is one who has always had a deep appreciation of the beautiful in Nature and in Art, and his time outside of his office hours is divided

between his flowers and fruits and his books. He also possesses some ability as a public speaker, and has delivered addresses on a considerable number of public occasions. He is a charter member of the Mouday Night Club—Canonsburg's oldest and most important literary society—and is active in promoting its welfare. May 15, 1884, he was married to Miss Eva Lee Pattison, daughter of Thomas Pattison, of near West Alexander. They had one son, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Fee are members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas Pattison, whose father, the Rev. John Pattison, was a minister of the Reformed Dissenting Presbytery, was born on the Pattison homestead, near West Alexander, in 1802. In early manhood he was united in marriage with Jane Humphrey, daughter of John Humphrey, whose father, Robert Humphrey, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and founder of the town of West Alexander. Mr. Humphrey took part in the battle of Brandywine, and when Gen. LaFayette fell from his horse wounded, he was one of the men who carried him from the field. In 1825, when LaFayette revisited this country, he passed through West Alexander and stopped at the Lawson House (now the LaFayette Inn) and there he and Robert Humphrey met and talked over the incidents which took place at Brandywine, nearly 50 years before. Robert Humphrey's remains rest in the old burying ground adjoining the West Alexander Cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pattison were born the following children: Nancy Margaret, who died in Washington in 1905; John K., who is living at Port Orchard, in the State of Washington; Martha A., who is living in Canonsburg; Robert H., who died at Condon, Oregon, in 1909; Mary R., who married George W. Ramsey and is living in West Alexander; Rachel J., of Morganza, Pa.; Eva L., who married D. H. Fee, and resides in Canonsburg; and Samuel A., publisher and editor of the Central Point (Oregon) Herald.

WILLIAM HUSTON FEE, of Canonsburg, one of the editors of Canonsburg's only newspaper, The Daily Notes, has devoted nearly his entire life to that journal, having entered the office when a boy of 14. Born October 16, 1868, near McConnells Mills, Chartiers Township, the son of John and Hannah (Quinn) Fee, he spent the first 14 years of his life at the Fee homestead, "an old farm house with meadows wide." The youngest of eight children—six brothers and two sisters—he escaped lightly from farm tasks, the brunt of the work falling upon the older boys.

He went very irregularly to school, but early learned to read the weekly newspapers that were taken in the home, and learned more from these than from school

books. In February, 1883, when a little more than 14 years of age, he entered the office of the Canonsburg Notes, then a weekly paper, and passed through the "printer's devil" stage, learning to set type and do the other work of a country printing office of the early 80's, his brother, D. H. Fee, having a short time before this purchased an interest in the Notes. Ever since he has been actively engaged on the paper, and for some years has held the position of news editor. He obtained a half interest in the paper in 1892 from his brother, and is now one of the principal stockholders in The Notes Publishing and Printing Company, formed in 1904, and of which he is vice president. He does much of the writing on the paper, writing the heads and directing the general makeup of the news matter. About the office he is regarded as capable, but has always kept himself in the background, doing whatever he could to make the Notes, a daily paper since 1894, a newspaper better than the average small town journal. How well he and his associates have succeeded may be a matter of opinion, but this is true: they have seen all competition fall by the wayside, although Canonsburg has had as many as three newspapers at the same time.

Mr. Fee devotes his time entirely to the Notes and his home. He belongs to no society or lodge, believing that a newspaper editor should be as free as possible from alliances of any kind. Petty offices have never appealed to his taste. He owns a library in which the works of nearly all the standard authors may be found.

On October 28, 1891, Mr. Fee was united in marriage to Julia May Humphrey, of West Alexander, Pa., daughter of Robert Humphrey, of Ohio County, W. Va., a descendant of Robert Humphrey, a soldier of the Revolution and founder of the town of West Alexander. The maiden name of Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Fee's mother, was Harriet Tanner, and she was a native of Philadelphia. She died in 1899. The following children are living: 1910; Rachel, wife of M. M. Lewis, Gillespie, Ill.; Susan, wife of Henry Patterson, Kendall, Kan.; Robert F., living near West Alexander, Pa., and Martha, wife of M. H. Redwood, Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Fee's only son, Dwight Humphrey Fee, was born in Canonsburg, September 4, 1892, and is now (1910) a member of the senior class of the high school at Canonsburg. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

W. E. McCRACKEN, proprietor of the Courtney Pharmacy, at Courtney, Pa., and a representative citizen of that place, was born at Burnsville, West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., April 10, 1866, and is a son of Dr. Silas and Henrietta (Grimm) McCracken.

Dr. Silas Clark McCracken was born in Greene County,

Pa., one of a family of four sons and three daughters and was the only one to remain on the home farm until he reached manhood. He then entered the office of an old medical practitioner, Dr. Grey, of Greene County, and there prepared for medical college, later graduating from the Western Reserve at Cleveland, Ohio. He entered upon practice at Burnsville, in Washington County, from there moved to Claysville, later to Wheeling, W. Va., then to Jacktown, in Greene County, later returned to Claysville, and in 1890 located in Washington, Pa., where his death occurred in May, 1907, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow survives and resides with a daughter, at Washington. To Dr. Silas Clark and Henrietta McCracken the following children were born: William Emmett, James Linn, J. T., Robert C., George T., Etta, John, and two who died in infancy. Etta is the wife of F. B. Miller, of Washington, and the mother is a member of their household.

William Emmett McCracken attended the local schools until he was seventeen years of age and then entered the drug store of Dr. Minton at Claysville, with whom he remained for seven years. In 1888 he went to Washington and was employed in a drug store there for two years, and from there, in 1890, came to Courtney and entered the employ of Dr. Bellick, at his own present location. In 1894 he purchased the store from Dr. Billick and has continued in the drug business here ever since. He has real estate holdings both here and at Monongahela, and is a director of the Courtney Fire Brick Company, and is also a stockholder in the First National Bank at Monongahela and a director in the Monongahela Stone and Clay Manufacturing Company at Uniontown.

Mr. McCracken was married to Miss Maud Phillis, a daughter of Jacob and Martha Phillis, of Beaver County, Pa., and they have two children: Maxine and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are members of the Presbyterian Church, attending services at Monongahela. In politics, Mr. McCracken is a Democrat.

JACOB DIMIT, one of the substantial citizens of Jefferson Township, Washington County, who is cultivating an excellent 70-acre farm adjoining the town of Eldersville, Pa., was born March 15, 1846, in Brooke County, now West Virginia, and is a son of Benjamin and Sidney (Lee) Dimit, and a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth Dimit.

Benjamin Dimit was a native of Virginia and his wife of Ohio. He was a lifelong agriculturist and they spent their last years on their farm in Washington County. They were members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and their burial was in Bethel Cemetery. To Benjamin and Sidney Dimit there were born the following children: Ehas, who was killed in the Civil War, when serving as a soldier; Rebecca Ann, who married John Virtue,

of Danbury, Iowa; Jacob; Mary Katherine, who married Frank Buxton, of Independence Township; Margaret Jane, who married James Martin, and they live near Fowlertown, W. Va.; Robert, deceased; Hugh Patterson, who lives at Danbury, Iowa; Benjamin, deceased; David, who lives in Independence Township; Addie, who married Andrew Farrer, of West Middletown; Sarah, who married Ambrose Pry, lives near Danbury, Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Pry, of Cross Creek Township; and Pernelia, who married Edward Tangeman, of Danbury, Iowa.

Jacob Dimit attended the schools of Jefferson Township until seventeen years of age, when he went to Independence Township and for ten years rented a farm there, during which time he served as judge of election for one term, but refused re-election, preferring to give his whole time to his duties on the farm. His first farm in Jefferson Township consisted of 96 acres, which he bought from Henry Cooper, known as the McConnell farm, which he sold in 1907 and moved to his present property, which he bought in the spring of that year and he has since continued to cultivate with much success.

On February 22, 1874, Mr. Dimit was married to Amy Ann Allen, daughter of Samuel and Annie (Cole) Allen, farming people of Cross Creek Township, who are now both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were the parents of the following children: John, deceased; Susan, deceased, who was the wife of James Drake; Amy Ann; Martha Jane, who married Joseph Vance; and Sarah Agnes, who married Robert Dimit, a brother of Jacob. To Mr. and Mrs. Dimit have been born seven children, namely: John P., who married Anna Stevenson and has three sons,—Arthur, Ralph and Wilbur; Eliza and Samuel, both deceased; Jesse, who married Motlena Walker and has two children,—Wilma and Donald; Benjamin and Catherine, both deceased; and Anna, who married Bert Irwin and has one son, Kenneth.

Mr. Dimit was formerly a Republican in politics, but he now casts his vote with the Prohibition party. Fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 805, at Eldersville. The family is connected with the Methodist Protestant Church at Bethel.

JOHN ALEXANDER LETHERMAN, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of California, Pa., president of the borough council, and a director of the First National Bank, has been identified with the medical profession of California since 1874, and was born February 28, 1848, on a farm in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., a son of Demas McFarland and Jane (Munce) Letherman. The father of our subject was born and reared in Washington County, Pa., and was a son of John Letherman, who was of German ancestry, but a native of Maryland. The mother was also born

and reared near Washington and was a daughter of Joseph Munce, a native of Ireland, who lived to be more than 100 years of age.

Dr. Letherman was reared on the farm in West Bethlehem Township, and after a preliminary education in the district schools, attended Waynesburg College and the Normal School at California, after which he taught one term in Somerset Township, Washington County. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. James McDonough, of California, and in 1874 graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City, since which time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at California. Dr. Letherman has been a member of the council for the greater part of thirty years, and is the present president of that body. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and also of the Century Club, which is the leading literary club of the Upper Monoongahela Valley, and is often called upon to prepare papers pertaining to his profession to be read before this club.

Dr. Letherman owns the building now occupied by the Arlington Hotel, and was formerly used by him as a dwelling and office.

Dr. Letherman was united in marriage with Alberta Ward, who was born in Washington County, a daughter of James Ward, and died in 1895. They have one son, Ralph, who was killed in a coasting accident, February 8, 1905, when fourteen years of age.

JOHN H. SIMPSON, who has been a resident of Washington, Pa., for twenty-one years, resides at No. 234 West Wheeling street and carries on a large business as a contracting painter. He was born in Fulton County, Pa., in 1845, and is a son of Samuel Simpson.

The Simpson family is of Irish extraction. When young men, Robert and Jacob Simpson, brothers, the former of whom became the grandfather of John H. Simpson, left Londonderry, Ireland, to seek their fortunes on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. They landed in Chester County, Pa., in 1790, when they separated and it is doubtful if they ever met again. In those early days transportation was difficult and mails were uncertain, hence communication between the brothers was infrequent. Robert Simpson settled in Lancaster County, but hearing that his brother Jacob had moved to Bedford County, he also moved there in 1822, but only to find that Jacob had moved to Washington County in 1820. Perhaps at this time Robert Simpson was in failing health, as he died in 1824, at McConnellsbury, now the county seat of Fulton County, and possibly this was one reason that he sought to re-establish fraternal relations. Robert Simpson left descendants. Samuel, one of his sons, followed farming in Bedford, now Fulton County, from 1822 until his death in 1897.

John H. Simpson remained with his father through his school period and after that started west, as did his grandfather before him. He resided at different points, and at Burlington, Iowa, learned his trade, one which he has followed more or less continuously ever since. In 1889 he came to Washington and here has become a leading business man in his line and a substantial and useful citizen.

At Clarinda, Iowa, in 1884, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Kate M. Kahl, who was born and reared in Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of Jonathan Kahl. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have one daughter, Lyda C., who is the wife of W. C. Radley, of Washington, Pa. Mr. Simpson is identified with the Odd Fellows, belonging to the lower branch and also to the Encampment.

THOMAS J. TOPE, general contractor, residing on his farm of fifty acres, situated in Cecil Township, Washington County, where he is engaged in raising thoroughbred horses, was born in Hancock County, W. Va., April 27, 1862, and is a son of Jacob J. and Louisa (Lankfoot) Tope.

Jacob J. Tope was born in Hancock County, W. Va., December 9, 1818, attended school in Holiday's Cove, in Brooke County, and as soon as old enough took charge of the farm of 270 acres, 100 of which he cleared from the forest. His father had died when he was only three years old and thus heavy responsibilities were placed on his shoulders when he was yet young. He married Louisa Lankfoot, a daughter of Obadiah Lankfoot. She died March 5, 1905, surviving her husband from August 5, 1891. They were buried at Fairview, W. Va.

They had the following children: Alice, who is now deceased, was the wife of Thomas Stephenson; Anna, who married James Gillon, of Frankfort Springs, Pa.; George T., who died from an accident when four years old; James B., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead, married Mary McCrea; William J., who died in 1882, was an attorney at Omaha, Neb.; Mary V., who is the wife of Joseph Peterson, at Toronto, Ohio; John McC., who is engaged in a livery and feed business at Toronto, married Lucy Taft; Thomas J.; Idella, who died aged five months; Frank, who is a mill worker, married Laura Hutzson; Charles W., who resides at Burgettstown, married Amanda Chambers; and Ella C., who married Clarence James, who is superintendent of the Kansas Oil and Gas Company, and they reside in East End, Pittsburg. This large family was reared on the homestead in West Virginia, where the parents spent their lives. They were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The father was a Whig in politics.

Thomas J. Tope was educated in the schoolhouse that stood on his father's plantation. When he reached manhood he engaged in a livery business at New Cumberland

and from there went into the oil fields, first as a teamster and later became a contractor. In 1886 he married, and for two years afterward lived on a rented farm, then spent two years at New Cumberland as a livery man, lived one year at Scott's Siding, in Allegheny County, and from that time until the spring of 1897, he engaged in contracting at McDonald and other points. He still makes contracting a prominent business activity. He then purchased his present farm and has built up a reputation for the fine horses bred here, shipping them to many different parts of the country.

On May 5, 1886, Mr. Tope was married to Miss Florence B. Anderson, a daughter of John and Lydia Anderson, of Hancock County, W. Va., and they have one son, Edward C. The latter married Helen Williams, and they have two children: Donald J. and Stewart Edgar Tope. Mr. Tope and family belong to the Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with the Republican party and is serving acceptably in his second term as road supervisor of Cecil Township. He is a valued member of the Union Agricultural Association at Burgettstown.

JOHN A. RAY, president of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, Pa.; of the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory, Pa.; and Lincoln National Bank of Avella, Pa.; and vice-president of the First National Bank of Washington, Pa.; of the Farmers' and Miners' Bank of Marianna, Pa., and of the Dexter Coal Company, is one of the leading financiers of western Pennsylvania. Mr. Ray was born at Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pa., June 2, 1865, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Smith) Ray.

John A. Ray obtained his education in the public schools of Greensburg. Almost in boyhood he learned telegraphing and worked as a telegraph operator for seven years, and for eleven more years was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being train despatcher for seven years and chief train despatcher and division operator for four years of this time. For eight succeeding years he served in the capacity of real estate agent for the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Company. Mr. Ray has been prominently identified with the banking interests of this section for a prolonged period and his careful, conservative management of large financial institutions, has secured to him the confidence of capitalists as well as the people of small means, who have given practical support to those institutions with which his name is associated.

Mr. Ray is affiliated with the Republican party. He was reared in the Episcopal Church.

CHARLES JOHN METZGER, deceased, was one of Union Township's most highly respected German-Amer-

ican citizens and was well and favorably known all through western Pennsylvania. He was born in Germany, November 13, 1852, and died on his farm in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., October 27, 1906.

The parents of Mr. Metzger were Frederick and Barbara Metzger, who lived on their own large farm near Wittenberg, Germany. After the mother died the father married again and to the two marriages he had twenty-two children born to him, the seven of the first union being: Michael, Fred, Charles, George, Rose, John and Caroline. Three of these came to America—Charles, Fred and Caroline. Fred died at Youngstown, Ohio. Caroline is the wife of Valentine Laubenheimer and lives at Pittsburg.

Charles J. Metzger lived to manhood in his own land. He attended school, helped his father on the home farm and also learned the butchering trade. When he came to America he located at Pittsburg, embarking in the meat business, and for eleven years operated a butcher shop on Penn avenue, near the union station in that city. For fifteen years afterward he was established in the meat business at Duquesne Heights, Pittsburg, after which he came to Washington County and bought 155 acres of good farm land from William Adams, in Union Township. This farm, with the exception of three acres subsequently sold, is still owned by his family. He was an excellent business man and he also had a wide circle of personal friends. He was identified with a number of fraternal organizations, including the Red Men, the Odd Fellows and the United Workmen, and was also a member of the German Beneficial Union. He was a Republican but never desired any political favors for himself.

Mr. Metzger was married September 20, 1876, to Ursina Puchera, and the following named children were born to them: Fred, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Amelia, Charles, William, Lillie and Carrie. Mrs. Metzger was born on a farm in Switzerland and is a daughter of Adam P. and Amelia (Caspar) Puchner, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, in which country the mother died. Adam J. Puchera was a son of Jacob Puchera, the latter of whom was a preacher. Adam Puchera learned the trades of baker and confectioner and followed the same in different parts of the world. Although he spoke seven languages, he never learned English. The last twenty-one years of his life were spent in the home of his daughter, where he died aged seventy-six years. His six children were: Catherine, who married Peter Streamer, still lives in Switzerland; Ursina; Jacob, who lives in Louisiana; and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Metzger came to America all alone, when a girl of fifteen years. She found employment at Pittsburg, and lived six years with Mrs. James Klauss and then was with Mrs. Isaac Gooker-

heimer until she married Mr. Metzger. Mrs. Metzger is a highly esteemed lady, hospitable, kind hearted and very capable.

JOHN R. McNARY, carpenter of the Meadowlands Coal Company of Washington, Pa., was born in 1869, at Arden, South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., a son of J. D. McNary, and he was reared and educated in his native township.

In 1895 he came to Washington where he has since continued to reside. He was for some time engaged in the oil business, but for the last ten years has been associated with the Meadowlands Coal Company, of which he is at present carpenter.

Mr. McNary was married in June, 1892, to Hattie Morgan, who was born in Chartiers Township, a daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Martin) Morgan, and of their union were born two children: Ralph Edwin and Mary Eleanor.

John Morgan, who was born in 1821, in Washington County, and died in February, 1907, came of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county, and was, during his active career, engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising in Chartiers Township. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were the parents of seven children: Hattie, the wife of our subject; Anne, married J. C. Barre, of Washington, Pa.; Belle, wife of George C. Patch, of Honston, Washington County; S. M. Morgan, of Washington; John, a resident of Washington; Ella, wife of Newton Carlisle, of New Hickory, Pa.; and Frank, who lives on the old homestead in Chartiers Township. Mr. and Mrs. McNary are members of the First United Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT EUGENE BYERS, vice president of the First National Bank of Monongahela City, Pa., and one of the leading druggists of the place, was born Aug. 15, 1848, at Fayette City, Pa., and is a son of Robert C. and Emily F. (Churchman) Byers.

Robert C. Byers, a native of Armstrong County, Pa., came to Washington County with his parents, who settled on land on Peters Creek, and when about 14 years of age, came to Monongahela City, where he engaged in tailoring, at which he worked for many years. He subsequently engaged in the drug business at Fayette City, Pa., from 1854 until 1860, when he removed to Belle Vernon, Pa., where he conducted a drug store until 1872, at which time he came to Monongahela City, and established himself in the drug business in partnership with his son, Robert E., the subject of this sketch. In 1882 he sold his interest to his son and lived in retirement at Monongahela City until the time of his death, Aug. 31, 1899, at the age of 50 years. He married Emily F. Churchman, a Quaker, and a native of Dela-

ware, who came to this county alone, and on horseback, and of their union were born the following children: Albert, deceased; Josephine, deceased wife of Isaac Bailey, also deceased; Emma, who is the wife of John Furrner; Robert Eugene, our subject; William C., a physician; Theodore M.; and Isaac E., deceased.

Robert Eugene Byers was reared at Fayette City, Pa., where he attended the common schools, and at the age of 13 years began working on a farm, for one dollar a week and his dinners. In 1860 he entered his father's store at Belle Vernon as a clerk, and in 1870 came to Monongahela City and embarked in the drug business in partnership with his father, who came here in 1872. The business was conducted under the firm name of R. C. Byers & Son, and in 1872 their store was destroyed by fire. That same year they erected the Byers block, which is located on the corner of Fourth and Main streets, and in 1882 our subject purchased his father's interest in the business, and has since been the sole owner. Mr. Byers was one of the organizers, and is the vice president of the First National Bank of Monongahela City, which was established in 1901; is president of the Bellwood and Monongahela City Gas Company, which he was instrumental in organizing in 1885, and is also president and one of the organizers of the West Monongahela Gas Company, which was established in 1894. Fraternally he is a Mason and is a charter member of the B. P. O. E., at Monongahela City. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been treasurer since 1879.

On Oct. 12, 1870, Mr. Byers was united in marriage with Josephine C. Camp, a native of New Jersey, who came to this county with her parents, Benjamin and Rachael Camp, who are still living in Monongahela City.

MELCHIOR FEHL, respected citizen and successful general farmer of Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., resides on his valuable farm of ninety-seven acres, situated two and one-half miles northwest of Canonsburg. He was born in Germany, February 8, 1869, a son of Melchior J. and Mary (Jost) Fehl. His parents remained in Germany, where his father subsequently died.

In 1884, when sixteen years of age, Mr. Fehl came to the United States and located in Cecil Township, and his first work was done on the McDonald farm, on the Cecil Township line. Six years later he married and lived for seven months afterward on the Cook farm and then rented a farm near Noblestown, but later returned to Cecil Township and operated the Slater farm until he purchased his present place in 1903, of John R. Slater. He has a fine property although the coal had all been sold before he bought the farm. There has never been an oil or gas lease on the place. He has done a large amount





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of improving and some building, repairing the structures then standing and, in 1903, erecting his commodious barn, the dimensions of which are 36 by 48 feet. He keeps about fourteen milch cows and owns some thoroughbred cattle. Mr. Fehl is a very industrious, practical man and has great reason to feel proud of the advancement he has made since he came to America as a poor boy.

On February 4, 1890, Mr. Fehl was married to Miss Barbara Kress, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Kress, the former of whom died in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Fehl have four children: Henry, Catherine, Carl and Harry. They are members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Fehl casts his vote with the Republican party.

ELMORE A. WILLETS, who has been interested in oil development in Washington County from the time of the opening of the Smith Pool until the present, is financially identified with some of Washington's most important business enterprises and also with those at other points. He was born in Pennsylvania, and is a son of Isaac Willets, who was one of the pioneer oil operators in the Washington field.

Mr. Willets was graduated from Yale University, in the class of 1884, with the degree of Ph. B. In January, 1886, he came to Washington, giving his father assistance for a time and later succeeding to his interests and responsibilities. For twenty-three years he has been a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank, and is a stockholder in the Washington Electric Light & Power Company, and a director in the Real Estate Trust Company, all at Washington. He is also president of the State Bank at Belmont, N. Y.; a director in the Citizens' National Bank of Wellsville, N. Y.; a director in the Buffalo Commercial Insurance Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., and in other lesser concerns. His club membership is also large and influential. He belongs to the University Club of New York City; the St. Anthony Club of New York City; the Pittsburg Club and the Pittsburg Country Club, both of Pittsburg.

HENRY C. SPHAR. No family in Allen Township, Washington County, Pa., is better known or more highly esteemed than that of Sphar, which was a pioneer one in this section. A representative of this well known family now residing at Roscoe is found in Henry C. Sphar, who was born on his father's farm, about three miles from his present home, February 4, 1844, and is a son of John and Lucy Ann (Scott) Sphar.

It was the grandfather, John Sphar, who came first to Allen Township and acquired the land which subsequently became so valuable. John Sphar the second, father of Henry C., was born on the old home farm and later

became the owner of 100 acres of fine land. In the course of time, owing to railroad extension and other developing causes, this land became particularly well adapted as the site of a town, and Henry C. Sphar gave the land on which the railroad built the first station, the nucleus of the present thriving place, and John Sphar named the hamlet Lucyville, in honor of his wife, Lucy Ann (Scott) Sphar, who was a native of Washington County. The station and hamlet grew into a village, and into a prosperous town, and in the course of time absorbed more and more of the Sphar farm, and when a postoffice was established the name of Roscoe was given it.

Henry C. Sphar owns forty acres of the old farm which lies in the Second Precinct, and he lives in a comfortable and commodious brick residence, which was erected by a Mr. Griffith, in 1804, on the farm, about two miles distant from the old farmhouse in which Mr. Sphar was born. He attended the district schools and followed farming for some years. In October, 1868, he was married to Miss Hannah R. McElhinney, who was born and reared in Armstrong County, Pa. In 1869, Mr. and Mrs. Sphar moved into their present residence and have lived here ever since. He devotes considerable time to the growing of fruit and has the reputation of raising the finest grapes produced in Washington County. He is a director in the First National Bank at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sphar have seven children: Alberta, Edwin F., Sarah, Mary, Lucy, Robert Argyle and William. Alberta married Thomas Eagye, and they reside at Charleroi, Pa. Edwin F. has been a leading business man at Roscoe since 1897. He was born in the old brick residence mentioned above, February 18, 1871, was reared and educated at Roscoe and married Annie Anderson, who was born and reared at California, Pa. In 1897 he erected a large feed store and grain warehouse and also operates a grain elevator. Sarah, who is a graduate of the University of Chicago, is superintendent of the kindergarten department of the public schools of Rochester, N. Y. Mary married Joseph H. Underwood, Jr., of Roscoe. Lucy is a teacher in the Roscoe schools. Robert Argyle is a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy and is a student in the class of 1910 at the Philadelphia Medical School. William resides at home and is a graduate of Duff's Commercial College of Pittsburg. Mr. Sphar and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Roscoe, in which he has been a steward and also a trustee for forty years.

WILLIAM J. DULANEY, chief of the police department of Washington, Pa., and part owner of the Gasten & Dulaney market and grocery on Highland avenue, has been a resident of Washington for the past twenty-three years. He was born in 1877, in Greene County, Pa., and was about nine years of age when his

parents came to Washington, where he was reared and learned the tinner's trade, at which he worked for about twelve years. In 1904 he became a member of the Washington police force and two years later succeeded Alexander Rankin as chief of that department, in which capacity he is still serving. In 1898, Chief Dulaney enlisted in Co. H, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served with the company and regiment through their campaign in the Philippines. Upon his return from the Philippines, he re-enlisted in the company and has been promoted through the various offices of the company, serving as corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, is the present first lieutenant, and at the last annual encampment of the company was acting captain, and on November 22, 1909, was elected captain. Chief Dulaney has always taken an active interest in local politics. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Eagles, the Knights of Maccabees, and the Modern Maccabees.

In August, 1900, Mr. Dulaney was united in marriage with Isabelle Carter, and they have four children: Harry, Charles, Bertha, and Frances.

SAMUEL CONNER, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Cecil Township, who is the owner of a tract of 187 acres of fine farming land situated one and one-half miles north of Canonsburg, and a second property of eighty-seven acres northeast of Venice, was born near Primrose, in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., March 10, 1840, son of John and Margaret (Edgar) Conner.

Samuel Conner, the grandfather of Samuel Conner, came from Maryland to Pennsylvania at an early day, and settled in Washington County, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in his sixty-fifth year, and being buried at Candor Cemetery, where his wife, who had died when their son John was but a small boy, was also laid to rest. They were members of the Presbyterian Church at Raceoon, in Smith Township. Mr. Conner was a Democrat in politics. He married a Miss Graham and they had three children who lived to maturity, namely: John, William and Sarah, and probably two or three who died in infancy.

John Conner, father of Samuel Conner, received his education in the schools of Cecil Township, where he was married to Margaret Edgar, daughter of Adam Edgar. They had a family of five children: Samuel, Sarah Jane, Abigail, Adam and John, of whom Samuel and John survive. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Conner resided for a time in Cecil Township near the homestead and then went to the farm near Primrose where their son Samuel was born. In April, 1844, he purchased the farm on which Samuel now lives, and lived here until his death. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation until he located on this place. They were

faithful members of the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. In politics Mr. Conner was a Democrat. He died July 29, 1892, Mrs. Conner having passed away February 14, 1890, and both were buried at Spear Spring Cemetery.

Samuel Conner attended the Cecil Township common schools, after leaving which he commenced farming on the old homestead, to which the family had come when he was four years of age. He continued to operate this tract until 1905, when his sisters died and he retired from active pursuits. He has two oil wells in operation and others are being drilled, and he also sells coal from his property to the National Mining Company.

Mr. Conner is a member of the Charter United Presbyterian Church. In political matters he is a Democrat, but he has never cared for public preferment, although he may always be found at the polls on election day, doing his full duty as a public-spirited citizen.

STEPHEN COLVIN RICHARDSON, deceased, who was long known in the vicinity of Clover Hill as a prosperous farmer and merchant, was born at Bentleyville, Washington County, Pa., in 1840, son of Shesh B. Richardson, who was a member of one of the oldest settled families in Washington County. Mr. Richardson received a practical education in the schools of his native county, and, as already intimated, his industrial career was one of activity along agricultural and mercantile lines, and was a successful one. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years in Co. D, in the famous Pennsylvania regiment known as the Ringgold Cavalry. He settled at Clover Hill in 1867 before his marriage, and there the greater part of his life was spent. On his retirement from active business in 1901 he removed to Washington, where he passed his remaining years, his death taking place in 1906. He was an earnest member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and served on its official board. Mr. Richardson was a citizen of sterling character, wise, just, kind and charitable. He was highly esteemed by those who knew him, and his death aroused sincere sorrow in many hearts.

Mr. Richardson was married in 1869 to Anna M. Britton, who was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of James and Matilda (Wallace) Britton. Her father, James Britton, who was born in Ireland, after coming to this country, resided for a while in Philadelphia, later coming to Washington County, with his family, at which time Mrs. Richardson was but a child. She was reared to womanhood on a farm known as the "Malden Farm," situated on the old National Turnpike Road, where her father, in addition to farming, was engaged in the raising of fine stock. He finally retired from active labor, and took up his residence in the borough of California,





JOHN A. BERRY



MATTHEW BERRY

this county, where his death occurred in 1895. His wife survived him about two years. They were the parents of three children: Anna M. (Mrs. Richardson); William R., who is now deceased; and Matilda, who is the wife of H. B. Baker, of Mt. Washington, Allegheny County.

E. IRVING BROWN, assistant superintendent of Plant No. 6, of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, located at Charleroi, Pa., was born June 25, 1877, in South Shields, a small seaport and glass manufacturing town in England, and is a son of Edmund and Laura Elizabeth (Davis) Brown. Edmund Brown is employed in the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company as assistant to the second vice-president.

E. Irving Brown was about fourteen years of age when his parents came to America, and his educational training was received chiefly at Smith Academy of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. His parents located at Crystal City, Mo., where his father served as superintendent of the glass works, with E. Irving as assistant, until 1899. They then came to Charleroi, where they accepted positions respectively as superintendent and assistant superintendent of Plant No. 6 of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company. In 1907 Edmund Brown was appointed general inspector of all of the plants of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, and the subject of this sketch transferred to the Allegheny River Plant at Tarentum, Pa., where he remained six years. Since 1896 he has been identified in an official capacity with the glass works of this county but has also served his time as a machinist.

Mr. Brown married Alice Fay Brant, a native of Missouri, and a daughter of John Brant, and they have two daughters, Marion Elizabeth and Mary Alice. Mr. Brown is a Mason and also belongs to the Elks.

N. C. HUNTER, general contractor, mainly in road building and railroad work, with offices in the Brown building, Washington, Pa., is one of the leading citizens of this place and has many important business interests. He was born in Brooke County, W. Va., in 1863.

Mr. Hunter attended school in his native section and later Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., and for a few years engaged in farming. He then began contracting, in a small way at first, but increasing the importance of his contracts gradually and at the same time doing such excellent work as to establish a reputation for reliability and punctuality that has contributed to his reaching his present plane, being now one of the largest contractors in this section of the country. He has done much mason work and built innumerable roads all through Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and his highway and railroad road building has extended through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. He does business on a large scale. He

relies on his own judgment alone, never having admitted a partner. Mr. Hunter was the first contractor to start the building of the first Flynn road in Washington County, that being near Beallsville. Other large contracts may be mentioned and among these: the Franklin and Clearfield Railroad, where he put in 25,000 cubic yards of masonry; the masonry work on the Wabash Railroad, near Middletown, Pa., and Hopedale, Ohio; about twenty miles of roads in Washington County, and the building of the first Flynn road in Washington Road in Washington and Fayette Counties. Mr. Hunter is willing that his reputation should stand on the fine work he has done. He is president of the Smith-Hunter Oil and Gas Company and is a stockholder in several other prospering concerns.

In 1892, Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Olive Hatfield, a daughter of Rev. T. C. Hatfield, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have five children, namely: John T., William E., Laura C., Harry B. and Virginia. Mr. Hunter and wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington.

JOHN A. BERRY, vice president of the First National Bank of Houston, Pa., and president of the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, was born in 1852, in Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Matthew and a grandson of William Berry.

William Berry was one of the early pioneers in Strabane Township. There his son Matthew was born in 1822 and there he still resides, hale and hearty despite his weight of 87 years. Matthew Berry has been the largest breeder of the black top sheep in Washington County and was the pioneer in the introducing of this breed. He has always been a staunch Republican and never fails to cast his vote. He still continues to be interested in his business affairs and in all that concerns the younger generations of his family.

John A. Berry remained on the home farm until his marriage, when aged about 26 years, and then moved to Houston, which has been his continuous home for 31 years and during 20 of this period he was engaged in a general mercantile business. When the village was surveyed, he helped to carry the chain, and was one of those directly instrumental in having the place made a borough. For 16 years he served as postmaster and for nine years was a member of the borough Council. For the past 25 years Mr. Berry has taken an active part in politics. In principle, being a Republican, he has fought hard in the primaries for his friends, but when, occasionally they have failed to get nominations, he has heartily supported the other candidates, being a thoroughly loyal party man. He has considerable

capital invested here and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Houston, has been a director since it began business and is now vice president. In 1889 he was elected mercantile appraiser of Washington County, and in the fall of 1908, was elected county commissioner. He is one of the representative citizens of the county.

In 1877, Mr. Berry was married to Miss Rachel McNutt, who was a daughter of William McNutt, neighbors in Strabane Township. Mrs. Berry died Feb. 18, 1909. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Berry: Grace H., who died aged 8 years; and Ida May, who resides with her father. She is the widow of Smith McConnell, who died in less than a year of their marriage. The Berry home is one of the finest residences of Washington County. In religious faith, Mr. Berry is a United Presbyterian.

A. O. BEAUMARIAGE, postmaster at Bishop, Washington County, Pa., is one of the younger class of business men in Cecil Township, having been entrusted with the important position of general manager of the Federal Supply Company at this point, together with a responsible government office, at a time when many young men are still hesitating to embark in any enterprise. Mr. Beaumariage was born September 22, 1886. His parents are A. G. and Priscilla Beaumariage and they reside at Cecil.

On September 23, 1908, Mr. Beaumariage was married to Miss Sylvia Charles, and they have one son, Alexander S. Mr. Beaumariage is a Republican in his political affiliation.

NERI NEWCOMB, chief accountant of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works of Charleroi, Pa., first came to Charleroi in June, 1890, when the Charleroi Plate Glass Company was established in this city. He was born June 20, 1848, on a farm in Geauga County, Ohio, and is a son of Otis B. and Mary A. (Wright) Newcomb. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, and his educational training was obtained in the district schools and later a select school. He was a clerk for some time in his uncle's store at Austintown, Ashtabula County, Ohio, then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he spent two years as cashier of the West Side Street Railway, after which he spent sixteen years at Akron, Ohio, where he was associated with Mr. Crouse in the Buckeye Mower and Reaper Machine Company. When the Charleroi Plate Glass Company was established, Mr. Newcomb came here as treasurer of that concern and served as same until the company sold out to the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, who gave Mr. Newcomb charge of the Charleroi office, of which he is still chief accountant. The first officers of the Charleroi Plate Glass Company were: George W. Crouse, of Akron, Ohio, president; M. J. Alexander, of

Pittsburg, vice-president; the late William D. Hartuppee, superintendent and secretary, and Neri Newcomb, treasurer.

Mr. Newcomb was married to Anna Clark, of Haddam, Conn., and they have one daughter, Edith, who is the wife of William E. Barnes, of Creighton, Pa. They have two children: Hilda and Edith Barnes.

Mr. Newcomb affiliates with the Elks and belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

WAYNE J. PHILLIPS, who saw long and hard service in the Civil War, is one of Cecil Township's best known citizens and he resides on his well improved farm of twelve acres, which lies four miles north of Canonsburg. He was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., November 30, 1842, and is a son of Aaron and a grandson of John Phillips.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Phillips was the pioneer of the family in Cecil Township, where his son, John Phillips was subsequently born, married Mary Waits, and settled at a point known as Phillips' Rocks, where he had a summer resort of 380 acres of land. He was an elder in the Hill Church at Canonsburg and his dust rests in the old cemetery there. He was the father of fifteen children: James, Sarah (McConnell), John, Aaron, Moses, Elizabeth, Enoch, William, Amos, Sophia, Patty (Stevenson), Samuel, Joseph; Thomas, who died in infancy; and David.

Aaron Phillips, father of Wayne J., was born in Cecil Township and spent his life here, formerly owning the farm on which Campbell Wallace and J. W. Howe now reside. He married Agnes McKowen, a daughter of John McKowen, who owned over 500 acres of land in Allegheny County, and six children were born to them: David, who died in Oakland, Cal; Sarah, who married Rev. H. H. Fairall, of Iowa City, Iowa; Mary, who died at the age of fifty-six years; Wayne J.; Winfield Scott, who died aged thirty-two years; and DeKalb, who died in 1906. The parents of this family were valued members of the Miller Run Presbyterian Church, good and worthy people in every relation of life. The father died in October, 1880, and the mother survived until May 9, 1886.

Wayne J. Phillips attended the district schools and helped his father on the home farm until August 16, 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. At the battle of Gettysburg he suffered an injury to his right thumb which caused his being sent to the general hospital at Philadelphia, and resulted in the loss of this useful part of his hand. After that, on account of his disablement, he was detailed as a prison guard and was honorably discharged and mustered out, July 7, 1865. Mr. Phillips



then returned to Cecil Township and resumed farming. After his marriage he bought a farm of twenty-two acres and when he sold it returned to the homestead for seven years, after which he settled on his present place, on which he erected all the buildings now standing. In his political views he is a Republican and he has served in the office of township assessor.

On May 16, 1869, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Anna Mary Cummins, a daughter of Joseph and Lavenia (Able) Cummins. The mother of Mrs. Phillips died when she was seven years old. Her father survived until January, 1879. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, where he lived for fourteen years. His family contained six children: John Cummins, who resides in Hickory; James, who lives at Library, Allegheny County; Anna Mary (Phillips); Sarah Jane, wife of James Speer, lives in Columbus, Ohio; William, who died at ten years; and Melissa, who is the widow of Henry Friend and resides in Washington, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips the following children were born: Elizabeth, who married John Patterson, of Houstonville; Susan R., who married William B. Cowden, of Hickory; Laura, who died in infancy; Nancy, who married Darlington Johnson, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant Township; Gertrude, who married R. B. McCleary, of Clarion County; Scott, who married Blanche Fair, of McDonald; Alice, who married Thomas Smith, of McDonald; Emma, who married James Kerr, of Chartiers Township; and Joanna, who married Andrew Eagle, of Mt. Pleasant Township. Mr. Phillips and family attend the United Presbyterian Church at Venice.

JOHN J. FOLEY, superintendent of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company of Canonsburg, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., November 6, 1864, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Collins) Foley.

The parents of Mr. Foley were natives of County Carey, Ireland, came to America in 1846 and were married soon afterward. The father died at the age of seventy-two years and the mother when aged sixty-nine years. They were buried in a cemetery at Corning, N. Y. The family is one somewhat noted for longevity. The paternal grandfather, Patrick Foley, died in Ireland at the age of ninety-two years and the grandmother at the age of seventy-four years. One uncle of John J. Foley still survives, in County Carey, at the age of ninety-two years. To Patrick and Margaret Foley were born the following children: Kate, unmarried, resides in California; Michael, a supervisor on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, lives at Myersdale; William, lives at Prescott, Ariz.; Thomas, a driller engaged in the oil business, makes his home at Canonsburg; Josephine, residing with her brother, John J. Foley, is a

stenographer; and Mary, who still lives in the old home in New York.

John J. Foley attended school until he was about sixteen years of age and then entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company as an assistant in laying pipe lines from Olean, N. Y., to New York City, and worked in that capacity for four years. In 1884 he went to Pittsburg and began work there for the Carpenter Natural Gas Company, laying a gas line from Murraysville to Pittsburg, the promoters of this being later known as the Philadelphia Natural Gas Company, absorbing the Carpenter Company. Mr. Foley was with each company for one year. On October 7, 1886, he entered the employ of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company as field foreman and he has been continuously in the employ of this company, advancing from one position to another until now he occupies one of great responsibility, being district field superintendent, his territory covering Washington, Beaver, Butler and Greene Counties, Pa., and a part of Ohio and of West Virginia. He has been a resident of Canonsburg since 1886.

In 1892, Mr. Foley was married to Miss Nora Houlihan, who was born at Brady's Bend, on the Allegheny River, and is a daughter of Patrick and Nora Houlihan. Mr. and Mrs. Foley have a family of interesting children, eight surviving and two dying in infancy. The former bear the following names: Margaret, William, Marie, John J., Jr., George Dewey, Catherine, Regis Canevin and Elizabeth. Mr. Foley and family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Canonsburg. Mr. Foley is interested in the Murray Hill Land Company and in other tracts and has devoted thirty years of his life to the oil industry. He is a man of fine address, bearing easily his weight of 200 pounds. In manner he is frank and friendly, but still impresses one with his executive ability. He has built up his own fortunes and takes justifiable pride in having done so.

LEVI WATT GIBSON, superintendent of the Franklin-Washington Gas Company, at Washington, Pa., is one of the representative business men of this city in which he has spent about a quarter of a century. He was born in 1854, in Armstrong County, Pa., where he was reared on a farm.

The opening of the Butler County oil fields attracted many young men from agricultural pursuits and among these was Mr. Gibson, who became a pumper first in the Butler fields and later became interested in the McKean County, the Cherry Grove and the Washington County fields and still later, in the same industry, visited the Oklahoma and Indian Territory fields. When he returned to Washington he was active in oil development and had charge of the drilling of the first successful

well, the Gordon well No. 1. He has valuable investments here and is one of the stockholders in the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company.

In 1879 Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Sarah M. Smith, who was born in Clarion County, Pa., and they have six children, namely: Roxy E., who is a teacher in the Washington public schools; Bertha May, who is the wife of Edward Anderson, of Sheriden, a suburb of Pittsburg; Etna G., who is also a teacher; Harry A., who resides at Washington; and Arthur Levi and Alford R. The family home is a handsome residence which Mr. Gibson erected on the corner of Jefferson and Wylie avenues. He has always been an active and public-spirited citizen, but has never accepted office except membership on the school board. With his family he belongs to the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee.

THOMAS C. RICHARDS, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of East Pike Run Township, who owns a farm of 200 acres, located in East Pike Run and West Pike Run Townships, has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, Pa., and was born July 28, 1833, in East Pike Run Township on a farm adjoining his present one, and is a son of John and Phoebe (Woodward) Richards.

John Richards, a native of Maryland, came to Washington County, Pa., during early manhood and settled in East Pike Run Township, where for many years he rented the Black Horse Tavern, which he subsequently purchased and continued to manage until the time of his death about 1856. He married Phoebe Woodward, who was a sister of Capt. Isaac W. Woodward, a well-known river captain, and nine children were born of their union, but two of whom are living, Thomas C., our subject, and John, of Coal Center.

Thomas C. Richards was reared in the old Black Horse Tavern, which was located on the farm now owned by the widow of Isaac Richards, who was a brother of our subject. Mr. Richards has always followed farming and with the exception of three years spent on a farm in Allen County, Pa., during his early manhood, has always been a resident of East Pike Run Township. In 1864 he purchased his farm of 200 acres, which is located in both East and West Pike Run Townships with the township line running near the house, and has one of the best improved farms in the township. The house, which is a large frame building, and the barns and all outbuildings were built by Mr. Richards, and while he continues to manage the farm, he has it cultivated on shares by Henry Hannen. Mr. Richards has always made a specialty of sheep raising. He is a director and one of the organizers of the Peoples Bank of California.

Mr. Richards was married February 19, 1874, to Ruth Hannen, a native of East Pike Run Township, and a daughter of Henry and Emily (Duvall) Hannen, and of their union were born two children, one who died in infancy, and John Henry, who died in January, 1907, aged thirty-one years. Mrs. Richards passed out of this life April 23, 1909. Mr. Richards is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

J. REED LYLE—Scattered all over Washington County are fine old estates which have descended from father to son, many of these having been originally secured by heroes of the Revolutionary War, after the termination of that great struggle. One of these, a beautiful farm of 184 acres, lying in Mt. Pleasant Township, is the property of J. Reed Lyle, now a retired farmer and stockman. Mr. Lyle was born on this farm, November 20, 1833, and is a son of Joseph, a grandson of John and a great-grandson of Robert Lyle.

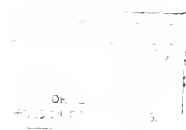
The Lyle family is of Norman extraction, the original ancestor, Robert De Insula, from which the name Lyle has evolved, coming to England in the train of William the Conqueror. For bravery he was rewarded with large possessions in Wales. The family branched into Scotland and later, in the days of James Stuart, were established in Ireland and their enterprise eventually led them across the Atlantic Ocean. Not only did men of this name and family participate in the American Revolution, but it furnished the ancestry of six of the presidents of the United States, and "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee were also of this family.

The founder of the Lyle family in America was Robert Lyle. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and was a son of Robert J. and Esther (Drummond) Lyle, and a grandson of John and Mary (Lyle) Lyle. His grandmother, Mary Lyle, was a daughter of James and Martha (Campbell) Lyle, and her father was born in Toreagh, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1645. Robert Lyle settled near New Brunswick, N. J., in 1742. After residing there for six years, he went to Northampton County, Pa., buying a farm in that rich agricultural region, and dying there in 1765. He was married in New Brunswick to Mary Gilleland and they reared a family of five sons and five daughters. All of the sons served in the Revolutionary War. The records show that he was a man of consequence, a justice of the peace, and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

John Lyle, the grandfather, was born in Northampton County, Pa., in 1752, and was there married to Elizabeth Hays and they had seven children. In 1784, John Lyle came to Washington County and bought 400 acres of land, of which the farm of his grandson, J. Reed Lyle is a part. The name of the place, in the original land grant, is given as Hollywood Farm, and the grand-



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son has the old sheepskin deed recording the purchase and binding the bargain. John Lyle found that some squatter had started a few improvements, but the larger part of the clearing was done by himself and sons. Like his father he was a man of public importance, at one time serving as a county commissioner of Washington County. He was one of the leading members and supporters of the old Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek, deeming it a privilege to listen to the expounding of doctrine and religious exhortation although he had to ride many miles to attend the services. Undoubtedly he was a good and worthy man, one who set an example of righteous living to his family and community. His death occurred in April, 1826, and his burial was at Cross Creek. His widow survived until 1849, and her burial was in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery.

Joseph Lyle, father of J. Reed Lyle, was born on his father's farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, in January, 1798. His life was an agricultural one, he having inherited a part of the paternal estate. In his early years of maturity he was a Whig, but later identified himself with the Republican party. He served his township in public offices, being supervisor and school director, and he was also a worthy member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1881, and he was laid to rest by the side of his mother, in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery. He was married (first) to Janet McNary, a daughter of James McNary. She died in 1828 and was buried in the Hickory Cemetery. The four children born to that union were: John, Margaret, Elizabeth and Janet. In 1832 Joseph Lyle was married (second) to Mary Reed, a daughter of James Reed. She survived her husband for fourteen years, dying in 1895, and her burial was in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery. The children of the second marriage were: James Reed, Eleanor, Joseph, Eliza Jane, Pressly, and Mary Clementine.

J. Reed Lyle attended the district schools in Mt. Pleasant Township. He continued to live on the farm until 1866, when he moved to West Middletown, where he embarked in business as a merchant and continued until 1868, when he returned to the farm and has resided here ever since. During his active years he engaged extensively in farming and stock raising and these industries are continued, more or less under his supervision. About fifty head of sheep are kept on the farm through the winter, and cattle are raised mainly for dairy purposes, a large amount of butter being produced. At different times, Mr. Lyle has made substantial improvements on his farm and in 1908 completed the erection of what is probably the best barn in the township, it being a structure with dimensions of 36 by 56 feet. This new barn was utilized as a meeting place when the second family reunion occurred, June 16, 1909, the first

one having been held on this farm in 1881. Kindred to the number of 400 came from many sections, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois being represented. Hollywood Farm entertained them all and a delightful season was experienced by those in attendance.

Mr. Lyle was married June 12, 1862, to Miss Sarah Hartford, a daughter of John Hartford, and they have had eight children, namely: Mary, who died when aged one year; Elizabeth, who married William G. White, of Cross Creek Township; Lena C., who married H. S. Buchanan, of Mt. Pleasant Township; Maggie G. and Narcissa C., both of whom reside at home; James Edwin, who married Mary Neel, and lives on the home farm; Jennie R., who died in April, 1904; and a babe that died unnamed. Mr. Lyle and family are members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church in which he is an elder. In politics he is practically independent. He has served as a school director, but otherwise has not accepted any public office. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank at Hickory.

GEORGE W. COFFEY, one of Buffalo Township's most successful stockmen and a prosperous farmer of this section, owns 140 acres of very fine land at Coffey's Crossing, a settlement along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line which was named in honor of his father. He was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., September 7, 1841, and is a son of George R. and Agnes (Dickey) Coffey.

The parents of Mr. Coffey were natives of Glasgow, Scotland, where they grew to maturity and married. With his wife and three children, George R. Coffey emigrated to America, landing at New York July 4, 1836. Coming on to Washington County, Pa., the family settled for a short time in the vicinity of Washington and for some years the father followed his trade of wagon making in that section. In 1848 he settled on the present site of Coffey's Crossing and acquired the farm which his son, George W., now owns. He continued to live on this land until within several years of his death, when he retired to Washington. He was a Presbyterian in his religious belief and a Democrat in politics. Of his children there are two survivors, Jennie D., who is the wife of Daniel A. Clemens, of West Washington, Pa., and George W.

George W. Coffey was a small boy when his parents settled on his present farm. He went to school in the neighborhood until old enough to perform farm duties and since then has given his time and attention to these. He raises a large amount of fine stock, having Poland China hogs and registered Shorthorn cattle. For two years he served as postmaster at Breneman, the office at first being located at Coffey's Crossing, but for sev-

eral years the office has been discontinued, the introduction of the rural mail service making many of the old distributing places unnecessary.

On November 16, 1865, Mr. Coffey was married to Miss Narcissa A. McCoy, who was born in West Virginia, but was a resident of Washington at the time of her marriage. Her father was the late William McCoy. To Mr. and Mrs. Coffey seven children were born, namely: George R., Martha R., Ernest Lester, Clark M., Grace, Bessie E., and Chester W. Their record in brief is as follows: George R., who lives in Buffalo Township, married Jennie McKnight and they are the parents of six children—Mary N., Margaret E., George C., Ralph M., Willis D. and Belle Mildred. Martha R. is the wife of Walter Thomas, of Indianapolis, Ind., and has a daughter, Narcissa Ethel. Ernest Lester resides at Toronto, Ohio. He married Sarah Wallace and his children are Lucile, Nannie G., Margaret, Narcissa and Ernest. Clark M., who lives in Steubenville, Ohio, married Jessie Pennell and they have a daughter, Martha Ruth. Grace resides in Buffalo Township. Bessie E. is the wife of Forrest Chetwyn McElwain, of Canton Township, and has two children—Elsie Alberta and Martha Grace. Mr. Coffey is an independent voter, doing his own thinking and casting his ballot according to his own judgment. He enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens in Buffalo Township, who have frequently elected him to office. He has served as road supervisor and for six years was a member of the township school board and during a part of the time was president of that body.

S. R. COLLINS, manager of the Collins Wall Paper Company, of Charleroi, Pa., was born near West Newton, Westmoreland County, Pa., May 31, 1875, and is a son of O. C. Collins.

S. R. Collins lived in Westmoreland County until 1891, attending school there until he was seventeen years of age, coming then to Charleroi, where his two brothers, M. G. Collins and C. G. Collins, had organized the present business. They began on McKean avenue, in 1891, and continued there until 1904, when they moved to their present commodious quarters at No. 419 Fallowfield avenue, and in that year S. R. Collins became a member of the firm and assumed management. The business has developed into a large and important one. Wall paper, paints, oils, picture frames, etc., are handled and their patronage comes from a large territory. Mr. Collins has never been in any other business, but has proved his ability in this one.

Mr. Collins married Miss Neva Greenwood, in 1901, and they have one son, Wilbert. Mr. Collins is not active in politics, taking more interest in business affairs than in public matters.

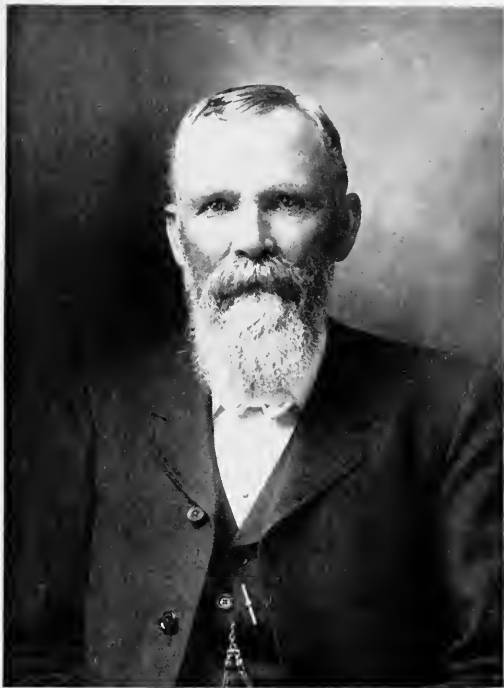
JOHN M. BERRY, a prominent farmer and owner of 187 acres of fine farm land in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in 1839, in Cecil Township, Washington County, and is a son of John and Jane (Eagleton) Berry.

John Berry, great-grandfather of John M. Berry, and a native of Ireland, came to America at the beginning of the Revolutionary War and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he married Elizabeth Gilmore, who came to America on the same vessel with the Berry family. Upon reaching this country, before either marrying or settling, John Berry enlisted in the Continental Army, for five years, and was with the forces under Gen. Washington, during the winter at Valley Forge. In 1796 he came to Washington County and purchased a tract of the George Washington land, in Mt. Pleasant Township, where he resided until his death. He was the father of three sons: William G., John and James.

William G. Berry, grandfather of John M. Berry, was born December 2, 1781, in Lancaster County, Pa., and was twelve years old when his parents came to Washington County and settled on land in Mt. Pleasant Township. He married Jane McConnell and lived in Mt. Pleasant, Cecil and North Strabane Townships until his death, on October 26, 1866.

John Berry, son of William G. and father of John M. Berry, moved to North Strabane Township after his first marriage, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred June 8, 1881. He was married (first) to Jane Eagleton, who died in 1844. There were seven children born to that union: a babe that died unnamed; Jane and Rachel, both of whom are deceased; William, who died in North Strabane Township; John M., subject of this sketch; David W., who was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, died in a hospital, July 4, 1864; and Matthew C., who resides in South Strabane Township. John Berry was married (second) to Mary Barr, a daughter of Col. Joseph Barr, of Peters Township. She died in 1864, their one son, Joseph Barr Berry, surviving until twenty-three years of age. Mr. Berry's third marriage was with Sarah J. Logan, who died in 1877.

John M. Berry grew to maturity on his father's farm in North Strabane Township, attended the district schools of that locality, and has always followed farming, now owning 187 acres of land, including the original homestead. He has taken an active part in the sheep industry and has for ten years been president of the "Black Top Spanish Merino Breeders' Publishing Association," of Washington County, of which he has been an active member since its organization in 1883, and president of the Pennsylvania Wool Growers' Association. He has been a member of the Washington County Agricultural Association and the Canonsburg Association during



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their entire existence, and is at present crop reporter for the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. He served as a private in Co. G, 140th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., in the Civil War in the three-year service, and participated in all the battles of his regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Spotsylvania, in the bayonet charge at the "bloody angle" and was the first man over the works. After his recovery he was assigned to the Vet. Res. Corps and served until the end of the war, receiving his discharge June 28, 1865. He returned to North Strabane Township after his military service and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Berry is a Republican in politics and has served his township on the board of assessors, was a member of the Republican County Committee nine years, and was justice of the peace eighteen years, resigning that position when elected to the Legislature, from Washington County in 1902, and was re-elected in 1904, when he received the largest vote and largest majority any candidate for this office ever received in the county, before or since that time. He served in the sessions of 1903 and 1905 and in the special session of 1906. He was on the committee on appropriations, agriculture, geological survey and congressional apportionment.

In 1870 Mr. Berry was joined in marriage with Mary J. Weir, a daughter of Samuel Weir of Somerset Township, and of their union were born the following children: Samuel, who died aged one year; three that died in infancy; Minnie Jane, residing at home; John Lawrence Weir, also at home; and William Eagleton, residing in North Strabane Township, who married Elsie M. Weir, of Carroll County, Ohio, and has one son, Robert McConnell. The Berry family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Pigeon Creek. Mr. Berry has been a member of the session of this church for twenty years.

GEORGE S. HORNBAKE, junior member of the well-known firm of Hornbake Brothers, lumber dealers and building contractors at Coal Center, Pa., was born March 1, 1857, in Greenfield, now Coal Center, Pa., and is a son of George W. and Hannah (Rothwell) Hornbake. His father was one of the pioneer merchants of Coal Center, but during his later life, ran a saw-mill and built coal boats. He assisted in laying out the towns of Coal Center and California, and died at the latter place in 1872.

George S. Hornbake was reared in Coal Center and since leaving school has been engaged continuously in the lumber and contracting business, this having been originally established in 1878 by O. O. Hornbake, Isaac J. and George S. Hornbake. Ten years later, Isaac J. sold his interest in the business to his brothers and has since been located at Martinsburg, W. Va. The Horn-

bake Brothers carry on an extensive business in Coal Center and employ from five to twelve men in their lumber yards, and formerly operated a planing mill, which was struck by lightning June 24, 1884, was completely destroyed and has never been rebuilt. Mr. Hornbake is a director in the Peoples' Bank of California, and is a trustee of the S. W. State Normal School.

Mr. Hornbake was joined in marriage with Theresa McCue and they have two children: George S., Jr., and Mary E.

G. S. PATE, general farmer, who owns 166 acres of very valuable land situated in Smith Township, was born in England, December 30, 1856, and is a son of William and Selina Pate. The parents had five children: Julia A., who married John Falconer; G. S.; W. B.; Emma S., who married Joseph McElhainey; and F. W.

G. S. Pate lived in England until he was twelve years of age, obtaining his education there, and then accompanied his parents to America, locating with them at Carriek, near Pittsburg, Pa., they later settling at Midway. On June 23, 1891, Mr. Pate was married to Miss Mary Rabb, a daughter of George Rabb, and they have had three children: Wylie G., Myrtle B. and Anna M., the latter of whom is deceased.

After marriage, Mr. Pate lived in Cherry Valley until he purchased this farm on which he lives, buying it from James Scott. All the buildings were here when he took possession. The coal has been sold to the Erie Coal Company; he has twelve oil wells. He carries on general farming and does a large dairy business, shipping an average of forty gallons of milk daily to Pittsburg.

Mr. Pate and wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. He casts his political vote with the Republican party. He is one of Smith Township's reliable and representative men.

LEWIS D. PIPER, proprietor of Piper's Drug Store, at California, Pa., is a leading citizen of this borough and served as its chief Burgess from March, 1906, until March, 1909. He was born at Coal Center, Washington County, Pa., June 13, 1880, and is a son of Lewis D. and Mary M. (Hornbake) Piper.

The father of Mr. Piper was a boatbuilder by trade and he followed the same at California for a number of years. He died at Coal Center, Pa., April 6, 1907, where both he and wife were born when it was known as Greenfield. They had three children: William, Nellie R. and Lewis D., the two older ones passing away in childhood. The mother survives and is a beloved and honored member of her son's household.

Lewis D. Piper was reared at Coal Center and California and after completing the public school course

attended the State Normal School at California and then entered the University of Pittsburg, where he was graduated in pharmacy, in 1901. Prior to entering the university he had three years of experience in the drug business with his uncles, the Piper Bros., at Coal Center. After graduating he returned to the same firm and became their prescription clerk until March 20, 1904, when he opened his own business at California. He had prepared for the same by erecting his handsome two-story brick block and occupies the ground floor and rents the upper story to a dentist. He has always been identified with the Republican party and has constantly taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs, and in 1906 was elected chief Burgess of his native borough, succeeding Hon. R. Kirk Richardson, and served with the greatest usefulness and efficiency until 1909, since when he has given all of his attention to his own expanding business.

Mr. Piper was married to Miss Maud L. Hague, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., and is a daughter of J. E. Hague. Dr. and Mrs. Piper have had one child: Mary M., who lived but five short years, her birth taking place June 10, 1904, and her death occurring November 16, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Piper are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is identified with Monongahela Valley Lodge No. 461, F. & A. M.

AARON L. JOHNSTON, a prominent citizen of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., where for thirty years he has continuously held the office of constable, was born near Washington, Pa., April 8, 1838, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Lanum) Johnston. He was the second in order of birth of his parents' family of eight children, the others being: John, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Henry, a resident of Missouri; Margaret, of Washington; Joseph and Robert, both deceased; Harriet, of Washington, Pa., and Nathan, living in the west.

Mr. Johnston attended the district schools in his boyhood and when eighteen years of age started to learn the carpenter trade and continued to work at the same until a few years since. His father had conducted a cooper shop and there is little connected with work in lumber that Mr. Johnston does not understand. While engaged at his trade in various sections he became well and favorably known and since 1880 he has been elected to office by his fellow citizens, serving full thirty years as constable, assessor and tax collector, also as road supervisor and in every position has been a very satisfactory officer.

Mr. Johnston was married (first) in 1864 to Mary Jerome and they had one child, William, who resides in Cross Creek village. In 1873, Mr. Johnston was married a second time, to Phebe E. Reed, who left two children:

Harriet E., of Cross Creek Village, and Thomas L., of Smith Township. The latter is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias. Mr. Johnston was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Curry, on May 5, 1880. Her parents were Robert and Sarah (Stewart) Curry. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have one son, Edwin, who was born August 18, 1881, and resides at home. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Johnston and all of his children are members of the Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek Village. For thirty years he has been identified with the Masonic lodge at Burgettstown, Pa. In politics he has been a lifelong Democrat.

ISAAC WOODWARD RICHARDS, who passed out of this life July 16, 1908, was the owner of a fine farm of nearly 100 acres in East Pike Run Township, and was born on this farm in what was then the old Black Horse Tavern, October 2, 1842, and was a son of John and Phoebe (Woodward) Richards, and a brother of Thomas C. Richards.

Isaac Woodward Richards was reared and practically spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits on the farm where he was born, and which is now owned by his widow, who in maiden life was Margaret Duvall, a native of East Pike Run Township and a daughter of Alexander and Jemima (Hannen) Duvall. The Duvalls, who are of French extraction, and the Hannens, both came from Maryland at an early period and settled in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa. Isaac W. Richards and Margaret Duvall were united in marriage in 1866 and to them were born the following children: Hattie, married Eli Lilley, a farmer of Portage County, Ohio, and they have had two children, Glenn and Dale; Mina, married Robert Gibson, of Fallowfield Township, and they have one son, Kenneth; Nellie, who is the wife of Clyde Morris, of Carroll Township, has two children, Helen and Clyde Kerfoot; Elsie, who is an instructor in the Granville schools, is a graduate of the Southwestern State Normal at California; and Loretta and Violetta, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have also reared Charles Hines, who is now twenty-one years of age, and whose mother was a Richards. All of the improvements on the farm, including the fine frame residence, barns and outbuildings were made by Mr. Richards. He served as a school director of the township for over twenty years, and in politics was an active worker in the interests of the Republican party. He held membership with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Coal Center, Pa.

JAMES B. WILSON, residing at San Diego, Cal., is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Washington

County. He was born in 1839, at Washington, Pa., and is a son of Hugh W. and Frances Emma (Barlow) Wilson.

The Wilson family can be traced back to the days when James Wilson and his wife, Margaret, were the first white settlers in what is now Washington. They were on very friendly terms with the noted Indian, Chief Cut Fish or Tinguoqua. Great-grandfather James Wilson owned the property in Washington recently occupied by the subject of this sketch (this having been inherited by Hugh Wilson, the grandfather). James Wilson had four sons, James, Thomas, John and Hugh. The three elder sons sold out their interests in the homestead to their youngest brother, Hugh, and they are supposed to have started for South America, but all trace of them was lost.

Hugh Wilson, the grandfather, was born in Washington, in 1763, and was one of the pioneer merchants and the owner of large properties in and adjoining the town. Hugh W. Wilson, the father of James B., was born in Washington in 1812. He was a successful nurseryman, farmer and sheep grower. One of Washington's prominent citizens, he was a liberal supporter of Washington College in the days of its need and was interested and contributed liberally to the success of the Washington Female Seminary, of which he was a stockholder and trustee until his death. He was one of the first to express abolition views in this part of the county and was very active in promoting the "Underground" Railroad. He was an original stockholder in the Hempfield Railroad, now the B. & O.; also one of the original stockholders in the old Franklin Bank of Washington, now the First National Bank, one of the few banks that never suspended payment of gold. He married Miss Frances Emma Barlow, who was born in France, but was of English parentage. Her mother was a niece of Commodore Edward Preble and Mr. J. B. Wilson has in his possession a bronze copy of the medal that was awarded that gallant officer for bravery before Tripoli. His great-great-uncle, Joel Barlow, author of "The Columbiad," and Robert Fulton's most intimate friend, was Minister to France from this country and afterward was private secretary to Napoleon during the Russian campaign and was present at the burning of Moscow, and he died from exposure during this campaign. Mrs. J. D. Chambers, Mr. Wilson's maternal aunt, still survives, at the age of eighty-eight years and resides at Washington, Pa.

To Hugh W. Wilson and wife were born three children, namely: Edward Preble, who resides near Cincinnati, who was very prominent in railroad circles for years and now lives in comfortable retirement near Cincinnati; James Blaine, of San Diego, Cal., the subject of this sketch; Clara W., who is the widow of A. T. Baird and resides at Washington. Hugh W. Wilson

married (second) Miss Sarah Neville, of Pittsburg, daughter of Gen. Presley Neville, noted at the time of the Whiskey Insurrection, and a granddaughter of Gen. Daniel Morgan. Two children, Neville Craig and Rebecca Blaine, were born of this marriage, both of whom are now deceased.

James B. Wilson was married in 1862 to Miss Mary Leet, who was born in Washington, a daughter of Isaac Leet, a member of one of the prominent old county families. Isaac Leet was a leader at the Washington County bar and was also prominent in public life, being State Senator in 1834, afterwards serving as a member of Congress until his death in 1841. He married Margaret Swearingen Cook, daughter of John Cook and granddaughter of Andrew Swearingen. Mrs. Wilson's paternal grandfather accompanied Gen. Washington when he was a surveyor, before the need of his country brought him to command her armies. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born four children, namely: Hugh, temporarily residing in Wyoming, for a number of years a resident of England, a trusted employee of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company; H. L., who resides in Washington; Emma W. (Speer), who resides at Washington and has charge of the probation work for the Juvenile Court of Washington County; and Frederick Barlow, who is a resident of San Diego, Cal. During the Civil War, Mr. Wilson testified to the loyal principles in which he had been reared by enlisting for service. He was called home before three months expired, however, by the sudden death of his father, whose responsibilities he then assumed. The Wilson family has been closely identified with the development of Washington and Washington County and her varied interests during all their history. The name is one which always carried with it a sense of stability, its members uniformly having been worthy both as private and public citizens.

EMERY G. COULSON, whose valuable farm of 135 acres lying in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., is devoted to agriculture and stock raising, was born on this farm, October 4, 1853, and is a son of Elijah E. and Charlotte (Warriek) Coulson.

Elijah E. Coulson was also born on the above mentioned farm in Buffalo Township and was a son of John Coulson, who was born in Amwed Township, Washington County, the latter being a son of Samuel Coulson, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, all being farmers, and John Coulson being also a blacksmith, starting his first shop and setting up his anvil in the woods, on land that is now the richly cultivated farm of his grandson, Emery G. Coulson. This was one of the first blacksmith shops on the old National road; in fact, it lay directly in the surveyed path, Mr. Coulson having to move it several

feet back. John Coulson died in Washington, where he had settled but a short time previously. He was a man of powerful frame and weighed 240 pounds. Elijah E. Coulson died on the homestead in 1889 and two children survive him, Emery G. and Walter J., the latter being a resident of Washington. He was a worthy member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington and was a man well known and much respected all over the county.

Emery G. Coulson attended the public schools near his home. His main interests have always been centered in his farm, to which he has devoted years of close attention, in this way making the tilling of the soil a very profitable business. He has also taken much interest in his stock and each year has a large number of fine cattle to dispose of, but has made a specialty of raising the Black Top sheep and keeps a flock of some 150 of high grade. His reasons for preferring this variety are founded on practical experiment.

Mr. Coulson was married to Miss Clara B. Noble, who was born in what is now Blaine Township, Washington County, a daughter of James Noble. They have a bright little son, James E., who was born May 2, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Coulson are members of the East Buffalo Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. In politics he is a Republican. He is one of the representative men of Buffalo Township.

HARRY MILLS, president and manager of the California Provision Company of California, Pa., has been identified with the business interests here since 1892, and was born April 29, 1863, at Clifton, which is located on the banks of the Ohio River in West Virginia, and is a son of Luke and Ann (Auld) Mills.

Harry Mills was practically reared in Mason County, W. Va., where his father worked some time in the mine, but when a small boy his parents removed to Kansas, where the father owned a farm, which forms a part of the present site of Kansas City and after a few years the family returned to Mason County, W. Va., where Mr. Mills later began working in a nail factory. In 1892 Mr. Mills came to California, where he has since been engaged in operating a meat market and a slaughter house, which he for some time owned in partnership with G. T. Wilkinson, whose interest in the business he subsequently purchased. In 1907 he organized the California Provision Company, of which he has been president and manager since its organization, and of which W. A. Roberts is vice president and G. T. Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer. Their plant, which is located just outside the borough limits, and their three markets, which are all in the vicinity of California, give employment to fifteen men. Mr. Mills is a self-made man in every sense of the word and is recognized as one of Cali-

fornia's most successful business men and is widely known throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania as a cattle buyer. He owns considerable real estate in California, having six dwellings, and his own residence is located on Third street near the new park. He has been a member of the Council since his election in 1907, and is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is fraternally a member of the Elks and the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Mills was married in Mason County, W. Va., in 1882 to Mary Ellen Aston, who is a daughter of Thomas and Hannah Jones (Utley) Aston, and they have reared eight children: Harry Willard, who resides at Grove City, Pa.; Hannah Jones, who attends the State Normal School at California; Gladys, who also attends the Normal School at California, Pa.; Hilda and Marie, twins, who also attend the Normal School; George W. Kepler Mills; Alberta Virginia; and James Mark.

VIRGIL M. McDOWELL, who owns fifty-five acres of very valuable land on the Midway Borough line, and also operates a coal mine which belongs to the Pittsburg Coal Company, is a member of an old Mercer County family that came to Washington County in 1877. He was born at Sharon, Mercer County, Pa., February 11, 1861, and is a son of Jonathan and Nancy W. (Page) McDowell.

The father of Mr. McDowell died when the latter was three years old. In early manhood he followed the cabinetmaking trade, but later engaged in farming in Mercer County. He left three children: J. B., Sarah and Virgil M. Mrs. McDowell remained a widow for some time and then married Rev. John Moses, formerly of Sharon, Pa., but later a highly esteemed resident of Midway. He was the organizer of the First Baptist Church at Midway and was its pastor for twenty-five years. Both he and wife are now deceased and sleep in the Center Cemetery at Midway. To the second marriage of the mother of Mr. McDowell three children were born, namely: Charles S.; Carrie N., who is the wife of Charles Zeigler; and Margaret, who is the wife of Dr. J. M. Moore, of Midway, Pa. To Rev. Moses by a previous marriage, the following children were born: Elizabeth, who married Andrew Spears; Agnes, who married Wesley W. Kennedy; Anna, who married James Baker; Jane, who married Wills Collins; and Catherine, who married Jacob Spachman.

Virgil M. McDowell was educated in the public schools of his native place, of Hubbard, Ohio, and of Midway, and also attended the High School at Sharon. He is known as an excellent business man at Midway, and here the larger part of his interests are centered. In April, 1882, he married Miss Anna Eva Eathorne, a daughter of William and Anna Eathorne. Mrs. Mc-





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Dowell had one brother, William J., and a sister, Jennie, the latter of whom, who is now deceased, was the wife of Willis T. Hamilton. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Eathorne was married to Mrs. Caroline (Carter) Roberts, and they now reside at Carnegie. To the second marriage the following children were born: Thomas; Minnie, who is the wife of John Barnhart; Carrie, who is the wife of Albert Rimby; Leeve, who is the wife of Walter Douglass; and Albert, Bessie and Grace. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell have had six children, namely: Cora Edna, who is the wife of James Russell; and William W., John M., Rose, Clarence E. and Charles, the last named being now deceased. Mr. McDowell and family attend the Baptist Church at Midway. He is identified with the order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Midway Valley Lodge No. 888.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, Sr., residing at Roscoe, Washington County, Pa., is one of the best known men in the Monongahela Valley, where he has been connected with the coal industry for many years and has large financial interests in at least a dozen representative banks. He was born in England, June 18, 1834, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Whamugh) Underwood.

The story of Mr. Underwood's life is interesting and in many details unusual. He was born in the shadow of a coal mine and his entire childhood and boyhood were spent in the same environment. It was as a helper to his mother, who worked in the mines, that he started to earn a little to go to his support, and worked until the passage of the law refusing to allow women to work in mines. His mother died in 1856. He remained in England until 1863 and then came to America. The Civil War was then in progress and the first job of work he contracted to do was to help dig trenches around Pittsburgh as the Confederates had invaded Pennsylvania. The battle of Gettysburg, however, was fought and the Pittsburgh trenches were not required. At that time it probably made little difference to Mr. Underwood, his main business being to secure employment, but he was a skilled and experienced miner and easily found work at mining, at Buena Vista, in Allegheny County and remained there from June until September, when he went to Illinois and in St. Clair County fell in with a party of from eight to ten venturesome men who decided to go to Colorado. On account of the ill feeling engendered by the Civil War and the consequent lawlessness on the frontiers of civilization at that time, the party gave up the project at that time and he went to work as a miner in St. Clair County, where he remained until March, 1864, when he returned to Buena Vista and remained there until July 9, 1864, going then to Old Eagle, in Allegheny County, where he mined coal and then went into the coal business with a partner, having saved enough to purchase suffi-

cient coal to load two small boats. These the partners started to float down the river but they met with disaster, the boats striking the bridge at Steubenville, Ohio, and sinking. Mr. Underwood not only lost all he possessed in worldly goods, but almost lost his life.

This deplorable accident happened in September, 1866. He then moved across the river into Washington County, in 1867, opposite Monongahela City, and for a time resumed coal digging and continued later at Sunnyside, in Allegheny County, and here was made mine foreman and served as such for eight years. Afterward he served as mine foreman for one and one-half years, at Webster, in Westmoreland County, and then bought an old mine in Fayette County, across the river from California, Pa., and moved to California. He operated that mine for two years and then went into partnership with Joseph Coatsworth and Joseph Good and they bought the old Alps mine in Fayette County, directly across from the old wharf, in California. Then John W. Ailes, now of Donora, Pa., a Mr. Miller and a Mr. Elliot bought out Coatsworth and Good, brought in more capital and with Mr. Underwood formed the Old Alps Coal Company. Later this company sold out and opened the Snow Hill coal mines in Fayette County across the river from Roscoe. They also opened a small mine on the Jacobs' estate in Fayette County, which they later sold to James Black but they continued to run the Snow Hill mine and did a thriving business, buying steamboats and barges and sending their coal down the river as far as New Orleans. They also opened the two mines, the Vigilant and Crescent, at California, Pa. The stockholders—Joseph Underwood, John W. Ailes, John W. Dorinan, S. A. Taylor, W. I. Berymenn, and Henry Kinlock—formed a new company and secured a charter for that under the name of the California Coal Company. In 1900 after many prosperous years, they sold all their mines, boats and barges to the River Coal Company. Mr. Underwood still of the Crescent Coal Company, in Allegheny County, has large coal interests however, being one of the owners of the Crescent Coal Company. In spite of early hardships and later disasters, Mr. Underwood has been a remarkably successful business man. He possesses the sound business judgment which regulates the success or failure of an undertaking almost from the beginning, and since he has had the capital to make use of, it has been carefully and remuneratively invested. He is a director in the Charleroi Savings and Trust Company; in the Donora Savings & Trust Company; in the Farmers' and Miners' National Bank of Bentleyville; in the First National Bank of Roscoe; in the People's National Bank of California, Pa.; and in the First National Bank of Canonsburg, and a stockholder in all of these.

Mr. Underwood was married in England to Miss Ellen

Roseoe, and in her honor the village of Roseoe was given its name. Five children were born to them, namely: Mrs. Nannie Darrah, residing at Monessen, Pa.; Thomas J., residing at California, Pa., cashier of the People's Bank; Mrs. Jane Laur, of Pittsburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Speer, of West Belle Vernon; and Joseph H., Jr., cashier of the First National Bank of Roseoe. Mr. Underwood has been a continuous resident of Roseoe since 1881. He has never taken any very active part in politics. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

SAMUEL McFARLAND, born in Smith Township, June 11, 1812, died June 29, 1889. He was a son of Samuel McFarland and Jane Fulton, who immigrated to America about 1793, and after a brief residence in or near Philadelphia, Pa., settled in Smith Township about the year 1800. His children were William, John, Joseph, Samuel, Andrew, David, Thomas, Catherine, wife of Thomas Farrar; Jane, wife of James Farrar, and Mary, who never married. All of these are now dead. The life of Samuel McFarland was spent in farming, sheep breeding and dairying in Smith and Robinson Townships, except the year 1872 spent in Allegheny City and the remainder of his life in Burgettstown. May 25, 1837, he united in marriage with Jane, daughter of William and Mary (Logan) Van Emen, of Smith Township. Their children were Margaret, (intermarried with Thomas Donaldson, of Candor, now deceased), residing in McDonald, Pa.; William Van Emen, (intermarried with Jane Dunbar, now deceased), residing at Sumner, Washington; Sarah Caroline, (intermarried with W. Clark Aiken, of Bulger, both of whom are now dead, leaving to survive them Joseph M. Aiken, of Bulger); Mary Catherine, intermarried with James P. McCalmont, residing in Hanover Township; John Wiley, a missionary and teacher, who died at Juneau, Alaska, intermarried with Margaret Dunbar; and Joseph Fulton, a member of the Washington Bar, intermarried with Mary Agnes Rankin, daughter of Rev. James Rankin, former pastor of Robinson U. P. Church, Robinson Township, and Catherine (Pollock) Rankin.

Mrs. Jane Van Emen McFarland died August 24, 1853. Samuel McFarland, united in marriage with Matilda Duncan, May 22, 1861, who was killed by a runaway team near Raccoon Church April 23, 1865. On December 25, 1866, Samuel McFarland was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Bingham and to them was born one son, Albert Agnew, January 6, 1872. During the last sixteen years of his life, Samuel McFarland was a constant sufferer. He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church from early manhood. Politically he was a party Democrat, but sought no office or preferences in either party or church.

ALEXANDER BAILEY DUVALL, who at the time of his death was president of the Peoples Bank of California, Pa., resided on a fine farm of 210 acres in East Pike Run Township, and was also the owner of another tract of seventy-one acres in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa. He was born March 19, 1825, in East Pike Run Township, a son of David and Mary (Bailey) Duvall, and died on his farm in this township August 12, 1907.

The Duvall family is of French extraction and was founded in Washington County at a very early period by Alexander and Elizabeth Duvall, natives of Maryland, who later in life removed to a farm near Browns-ville, Fayette County, Pa., where they both died. David Duvall, father of our subject, was born in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, April 7, 1785, and died August 24, 1865. He married Mary Bailey, who was born in East Pike Run Township in 1782 and died here in 1862.

Alexander B. Duvall spent his youth on the farm, attended the subscription schools of the township and later worked the home farm on shares. He became a man of affluence and his farm consisting of 210 acres is one of the finest in the township, and in 1875 he erected a fine two-story residence, which stands on a slight elevation and commands a fine view of the surrounding country for many miles.

Mr. Duvall was the father of fifteen children, one daughter being born to his first marriage, Mrs. Nora Hormell. In 1870 he was married (second) to Josephine Pester, a native of Washington County, Pa., and a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Smith) Pester, the former a cabinetmaker of Granville, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Duvall were born the following children: Emma (Mrs. Jones); David R., a resident of Charleroi, Pa.; Mrs. Nellie S. Ailes; Mrs. Carrollus Deems, who is the owner of the farm of seventy-one acres in East Pike Run Township; Anna (Mrs. John A. Williams); Channcey S.; John Shanton, a resident of Monessen, Pa., married Lulu Melick; Flora G. (Mrs. Nelms); Mrs. Belva L. Carson; Pierre L., who married Harriet Pollock; Alexander V., who resides on the home farm; Cassius A.; Jessie H., and Mary Josephine. Mrs. Duvall died May 10, 1895. Mr. Duvall was fraternally affiliated with the P. & A. M. of Coal Center.

Channcey Slocum Duvall, the seventh oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Duvall, was born and reared on his father's farm in East Pike Run Township, and since 1904 has been actively engaged in the insurance business at Monessen, Pa. After the death of his father he was elected one of the directors of the Peoples Bank of California, his father having been president of same at the time of his death, and although successfully en-



gaged in business at Monessen, still takes an interest in the affairs of his native township, and devotes his leisure time to assisting his brothers and sisters in the management of the farm inherited from the father. Mr. Duvall married Agnes Gregg, and they have had one child, Albert.

THOMAS MARSHALL BERRYHILL, vice president of the Farmers' National Bank of Hickory, Pa., has resided in the village of Hickory since 1901, retiring at that time from active agricultural work, although he still retains his valuable farm of 163 acres, which is situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. He was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., September 19, 1834, and is a son of William M. and Maria (Marshall) Berryhill.

William Berryhill, the great-grandfather of T. M. Berryhill, was a native of Virginia and he served with the rank of captain in the Revolutionary War. After its close he settled at Greencastle, Pa., where he followed the blacksmith trade. In politics he was a Federalist and in religion he was a Presbyterian. William Berryhill married Ruth Steele, who was born in Ireland and was brought to America by her parents in infancy. Six children were born to this marriage: Ruth, William, Samuel, Elias, Isabella and Alexander, the latter being the eldest.

Alexander Berryhill, the grandfather of T. M. Berryhill, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and from there went to Uniontown, where he married Mary Linn, after which they moved to what now is West Virginia, where he became a business man, for a time conducting a tannery and store at West Liberty. Later he became a river man and for a number of years carried produce and cotton between West Liberty and Nashville, Tenn., on the Cumberland River, and also on the Ohio, and while on one of his trips, he met the first steamboat ever seen on the latter great waterway. Although the sight must have excited wonder and admiration, it certainly did not frighten him as the record tells that he issued a challenge to the steamboat crew for a race to Short Creek, and this he won with his little produce vessel. After leaving the water he bought a small tract of land in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., on which he conducted a tannery many years. He lived there until the close of his life. He was a sound Presbyterian in religious doctrine. First a Whig in politics, he later identified himself with the Democratic party. He had eight children: William M., Moses L., Alexander S., Maria I. (McKinley), John, James, Samuel and Martha.

William M. Berryhill, father of T. M. Berryhill, was born in what is now West Virginia, while his parents lived at West Liberty, in 1802, and accompanied them

to Cross Creek Township, Washington County. He was a school teacher and resided in different parts of Washington County until 1841, when he moved to Knox County, Ill., from there to Richland County, Ohio, and then to Knox County, Ohio, following farming and teaching school in the latter county. In 1848 he returned with his family to Washington County, settling in Cross Creek village, where he died June 30, 1848. He was a member of the Union Church at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. On December 8, 1831, he married Maria Marshall, who was born in Venango County, Pa., in 1803, and was brought by her parents to North Strabane Township, where she grew to womanhood. Mrs. Berryhill died within a few days of her husband, early in July, 1848. The following children were born to them: Alexander, who is now deceased, was a resident of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Thomas Marshall; Abner, who died in Armstrong County, Pa., in 1858; Moses Linn, who died when aged two years; Arabella, who died in Allegheny County, Pa.; and James, who met an accidental death near Burgettstown, Pa.

Thomas Marshall Berryhill attended school in Knox County, Ohio, and also in Cross Creek village, after which he learned the blacksmith trade at Hickory, and for some ten years worked at the same as a journeyman, between Pennsylvania and Iowa. In 1859 he returned to Hickory and continued in the blacksmith business until 1863, when he bought a farm in Jefferson County, Ohio, on which he resided until 1867, when he moved to his present farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, which he continued to cultivate until he came to Hickory, in 1901. One period of his life has not been mentioned and it is one of which he has reason to be proud, it being when he was a soldier in the Civil War. He was working at Hickory when the battle of Antietam was fought, and his enlistment followed. He was a member of Co. K, which was organized at Hickory and served as State militia.

Mr. Berryhill was married March 21, 1861, to Miss Jane Griffith, who died May 30, 1901, and was interred in the Hickory Cemetery. Her father was Isaac Griffith, who was a lifelong resident of Mt. Pleasant Township and lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Berryhill. His grandfather, John Griffith, was born in Wales and married Letitia Blackburn. They came to America and the family was established in Maryland as early as 1765. Their son, John Griffith, father of Isaac, came to Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, and settled on what became the old Griffith homestead, which now is the property of T. M. Berryhill, who holds the original patent. Isaac Griffith was born on this place in 1800 and lived on it all his life, dying in 1867. He married Elizabeth Esler, a native of Mt. Pleasant Township, whose death occurred in 1857.

Mr. and Mrs. Berryhill had the following children born to them: Nettie A., widow of Robert Russell, lives in Washington, Pa.; William G., who married Della McCarrell, is a physician at South Sharon, Mercer County, Pa.; Blanche, who is the wife of Harry A. Smith, residing at Portland, Ore.; Charles, who operates the home farm, married Eva Denny; and Lulu A., who resides with her father.

In politics, Mr. Berryhill is a Republican. He served in all the elective offices in the part of the township in which his farm is situated, a part of which is now included in the village of Hickory, 100 lots being known as the T. M. Berryhill addition. He is a stockholder in the Guardian Trust Company of Pittsburg, and for two years has been vice president of the Farmers' National Bank, of which he is a charter director and large stockholder. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory.

WALTER BYERLY, vice president and general manager of the Charleroi Lumber Company, building contractors at Charleroi, Pa., and president of the Westmoreland Lumber Company, at Monessen, Pa., is one of the progressive and enterprising business men of Western Pennsylvania. He was born at Pennsville, Fayette County, Pa., December 18, 1862, and is a son of Levi and Susan (Shellenberger) Byerly.

Walter Byerly was reared in Fayette County and attended school there. In 1880 he accompanied his parents to Kansas and assisted his father on a farm for five years, when he came to Washington County, where he soon secured work as a teamster, driving for C. R. Thompson, who ran a lumber yard where the present plant of the Charleroi Lumber Company now stands.

The Charleroi Lumber Company was organized in 1898, with a capital stock of \$5,000, which has been increased to \$100,000. The original officers were: F. C. Jones and other Pittsburg capitalists, who operated the plant until 1903, when it was purchased by C. S. McCloskey, who died in April, 1904. Mr. Byerly had located at Donora, Pa.; in 1900 and after the death of Mr. McCloskey, he, with C. W. Lynn and J. O. Smith bought the interests of Mr. McCloskey, he assuming the management. The present officers are: Jesse O. Smith, who was elected president in 1904; Walter Byerly, vice president and general manager; C. W. Lynn, secretary, and S. K. Long, treasurer. The Westmoreland Lumber Company at Monessen is an allied concern. When running on full time, employment is afforded from 100 to 125 men by this company, a large amount of building and contracting being done all through this section. The Charleroi Lumber Company furnished the material and built many of the finest residences and most substantial business structures that have been put up in

Washington County in the past ten years. Among these may be mentioned the fine brick residence of Thomas L. Daly, of Lock No. 4; that of Kerfort W. Daly, of Charleroi; and an equally fine one at Bentleyville, which is the home of J. E. Richardson, with two new bank buildings at that point and many others all over the county. In addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Byerly is otherwise concerned as a business man and is treasurer of the Charleroi Telephone Company.

Mr. Byerly married Miss Victoria Daniels, of Somerset County, Pa. He is identified with the order of Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM HAZEN, residing on his farm of 144 acres, situated in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pa., is engaged in farming and stock raising and being fond of horses breeds and raises quite a few, keeping a fine saddle and driving stallion for breeding purposes. Mr. Hazen is of English descent on the paternal side. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1875, and is a son of Benjamin W. and Edith (Peirso) Hazen.

Benjamin W. Hazen bought the present farm in 1901. It is land that has an interesting history. The first record of its purchase was when Rev. Joseph Smith took out a warrant on September 30, 1785, for a tract of land on the waters of Cross Creek, this tract being called "Welcome" and containing about 363 acres. About eighty-four acres of Mr. Hazen's present farm were included in that purchase. This eighty-four-acre tract was conveyed by Joseph Smith and wife to Thomas Pollock by their deed dated May 3, 1786, and Thomas Pollock and wife by deed dated May 6, 1787, conveyed the said eighty-four acres to Robert Fulton, the man of steamboat fame, whose anniversary has been recently celebrated. Mr. Fulton's father, mother and three sisters occupied this farm and it was here his father and mother died. It was long known as the old Fulton farm.

James Maxwell moved on this tract about 1830 and later more land was added to the purchase. It continued in his possession and in that of his son, James B. Maxwell, until 1901, when Benjamin W. Hazen, father of the subject of this sketch, bought it. Benjamin W. Hazen died on the old Hazen farm in Fayette County, Pa., in 1904, and his wife passed away at Uniontown in 1909. They were survived by the following children: James P., residing on the home farm in Fayette County; Annette, widow of E. L. Phillips, of Fayette County; Ella, wife of Fredrick O. Shearer, residing in Eighty-Four, Washington County; William; and Leora, the wife of W. L. Dunn, residing in Uniontown.

William Hazen attended the public schools near his

home and his first and only business has been farming and stock raising. He assisted his father as long as the latter lived and then received the present farm by his father's will. He has made many improvements on the place and has a very comfortable and attractive residence. The visitor immediately notes the heads of deer and moose which adorn its walls, and other trophies, and learns that they were secured by Mr. Hazen himself in the woods of Northern Maine. He is very fond of hunting and has spent much of his spare time in his favorite pursuit over the mountains and in different sections of his own State. He inherits this love of the sport, the family records showing that his ancestors were skilled hunters in their days, when the forests of Pennsylvania supplied plenty of game.

On August 11, 1897, Mr. Hazen was married to Miss Minnie Cooper, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunn) Cooper, and they have one son, George Custer Hazen, who was born March 22, 1903. Mr. Hazen, who very early united with the Flatwoods Baptist Church, of Fayette County, still gives it his support. In politics, like all the members of the Hazen family, he is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote for William J. Bryan in 1896. In 1909 he was elected a delegate to the Democratic State Convention. He is one of the reliable younger citizens of Hopewell Township.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS was born in 1865 on the old Davis homestead, which is located in South Strabane Township, about three and a half miles east of Washington, Pa., and is a son of William and Mary (Kerr) Davis.

William Davis, great-grandfather of our subject, and a native of Scotland, emigrated to this country at an early period and located in Washington County, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, Thomas, Sarah, William, Samuel, Joshua and Rezin. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics a Whig of the old school. Joshua Davis, grandfather of subject, was born October 6, 1787, in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and obtained his education in the subscription schools of the neighborhood. He married Mary McNeelance and to them were born the following children: William, Lucinda, George, Eliza and Margaret. After his marriage Joshua Davis made his home for some time in West Bethlehem Township, subsequently moving to Buffalo Township, where he resided until late in life, when he went to live with his son William, where he died October 10, 1864. He was survived by his widow until June 6, 1871, and both were interred in the Washington Cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In politics he was originally a Whig, and later a staunch Republican.

William Davis, father of our subject, was born October 6, 1810, in West Bethlehem Township, where, during his boyhood days he attended the schools of the neighborhood. Early in life he began working on his father's farm in North Strabane Township, continuing there until 1847, when he purchased a farm of his own in South Strabane Township, where he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits and the growing of Saxony sheep. He was very successful in both these industries, his flock of sheep numbering at one time 1,100 head, and he accumulated over 500 acres of fine farming land. Mr. Davis was a member and for many years elder in the Presbyterian Church of Pigeon Creek, and during the later years of his life was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa. For several years he was a director of the First National Bank of Washington and for a period of nine years a member of the Washington County Poor Board, and held various other township offices. Mr. Davis was married (first) on January 28, 1836, to Juliet Palmer, who died October 11, 1841, and by whom he was the father of three children: George, Joan K., and Mary Elizabeth. On September 28, 1853, he was united in marriage with Mary Kerr, who was born in Finleyville, a daughter of David Kerr and a granddaughter of James Kerr, a native of Chester County, Pa., and a descendant of stalwart Scotch-Irish ancestors. To them was born a son, William H., who is the subject of this sketch.

William H. Davis was reared on the old Davis homestead which has been in the family for over 60 years and obtained his education in the public schools and Washington and Jefferson College, where he attended two years. Upon leaving college he returned to the farm where he has been very successful, owning the Littleton Stock Farm as well as two other tracts of land. From 1889 to 1893 he was also engaged in the wholesale and retail lumber business in Washington. In addition to general farming he is interested in coal lands and the development of oil, and for 20 years has been breeding high class light weight harness horses, having purchased in New York in 1902 the famous stallion "Moquette," who trotted to a record of 2:10 in 1892, which was at that time a record for four-year olds. This animal is one of the best known horses of his age, having a world-wide reputation.

Mr. Davis was married in 1894 to Annie Mowell, a daughter of Solomon Mowell and Permelia (Ross) Mowell. Solomon Mowell was a grandson of Peter Mowell (or Mowl) who immigrated from Germany and after a brief residence in Maryland came west to his final location in West Bethlehem Township. Peter's son Abram,

who died at the ancestral home in 1861, was the grandfather of Mrs. Davis. Her father, Solomon Mowell, died in 1889, widely known and highly respected in the community where he had spent his long life.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have retired from the farm and are comfortably located at their home, No. 51 South Waide Ave., Washington.

WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, a leading business man and substantial citizen of McDonald, Pa., proprietor of a tea store and the owner of at least four other properties in this borough, was born at Eldersville, Washington county, Pa., Dec. 6, 1868. His parents were William C. and Amanda (Wiley) Wright, and his grandfather was David Wright.

The father of Mr. Wright died Oct. 6, 1909, having been an invalid for the last 31 years of his life. The mother is in business at Midway, Pa., where she conducts a notion store. There were two sons in the family: William A. and L. E.

William A. Wright enjoyed no educational advantages beyond those offered in the public schools of Washington County, and he was not very far advanced in age when he became self supporting, entering the employ of J. S. McCarty & Brother, who were in the lumber and hardware business at Midway. In 1898 he embarked in the tea business for himself in McDonald, later associating F. L. Descutner with him, and the partnership continued for seven years. After it was dissolved, Mr. Wright opened his tea store at McDonald and is doing a thriving business.

On Sept. 22, 1890, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Elizabeth Herdman, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Herdman, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Herdman had eight children, namely: Elizabeth, Lilly, George, Alexander, Margaret, Jesse, William and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have three children: Frederick Allison, Ruth Amanda and Harry L. Mr. Wright and wife belong to the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald and he takes a deep interest in the work of the Sabbath-school and has been officiating as its superintendent since early in 1909. He is a Prohibitionist in his views on public questions.

JAMES T. HEFFRAN, who was elected to the important office of coroner of Washington County, Pa., in November, 1908, and assumed the duties of the position on January 4, 1909, is a representative citizen who is widely known and held in general esteem. He was born in England, in 1873, and came to America when twelve years of age.

Mr. Heffran had attended school in his native land and completed his education in the schools of Shire Oaks,

Washington County, after which he engaged in mining, making work in the mines his main employment, working continuously in that line until he was elected to his present office, with the exception of two years, during which he was employed by the General Assembly at Harrisburg. Mr. Heffran is an active and successful worker in the ranks of the Republican party and also in the miners' organizations. He is a member of the U. M. W. of A., of the Sons of St. George, and of the Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge and Encampment.

In 1895, Mr. Heffran was married to Miss Hettie Beazelle, who is a member of one of the prominent old pioneer families of the southeastern section of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Heffran have three children: Harold, Hazel and Lillian. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Speers, where he has resided for the past fifteen years. He is a member of the official board of this church and conducts the Bible class in the Sunday school.

DANIEL GOTTHELD, senior member of the well known business firm of Gottheld Bros., at Charleroi, proprietors of the New York Grocery, located at Nos. 613-615 Fallowfield Avenue, was born at Sharon, Pa., May 13, 1873, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Beshman) Gottheld.

The parents of Mr. Gottheld moved to McDonald, Washington County, in 1880. The father worked for many years in the coal mines in this county, and when Daniel was old enough, he also was put to work in the mines. Knowing that it was his duty to obey his father and to assist in his own support, the youth worked hard and saved his money and in this way was able in the winter of 1897-8 to take a commercial course at a college, at Scio, Ohio, and thus was able to prepare himself for a more congenial occupation than mining. After he returned to McDonald, he operated a small store there until the fall of 1898, when he came to Charleroi. Shortly afterward he induced his father to also give up the hard life of a miner and come to Charleroi. His parents listened to this filial plea and became members of his household, and here the father died, surrounded by comforts, in 1901. The mother still survives.

The firm of Gottheld Bros. represents the oldest grocery house at Charleroi. It was established in a small way in 1898, by Daniel Gottheld and J. C. Lang, the latter now of Donora. In 1901, after three years of successful partnership, Mr. Lang retired from the firm to look after other interests, and Daniel Gottheld continued alone until 1905, when he admitted his brother, William C. Gottheld, as a partner. This firm has greatly prospered and is now recognized as one of the most substantial business concerns of this section. Together with business integrity and business understanding, they have



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adopted modern methods which have brought their house to the favorable attention of residents along the Monongahela River from Monessen to Roscoe. They send delivery wagons to each place and their suggestive trade mark "Do you eat?" serves to immediately call attention to their varied and excellent products. These they handle on so large a scale that they are able to quote prices far below those of many competitors. The business was first started in a small frame building near Second street, on Fallowfield avenue, but shortly after Mr. Lang's retirement, Daniel Gottheld erected the present home of the firm, which is a substantial four-story brick block, one of the most creditable business structures in the place. They also occupy a two-story brick building connected with the store and this is used as a stock room.

Daniel Gottheld married Miss Mary Reese, and they have one son, John D. Mr. Gottheld is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleroi, of which he is a trustee. He is an active and useful citizen and has served one term as a member of the borough council. He is identified with the Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM JAMES NELSON, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising on a farm of 100 acres, which is located about two and a half miles southwest of Monongahela City in Carroll and Fallowfield Townships, has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, Pa., and was born on the home farm in Carroll Township, Mar. 28, 1854, a son of Francis and Jane (Keenan) Nelson.

Francis Nelson, who was a native of Ireland, came to the United States at the age of 18 years, and first settled in West Elizabeth, Pa., where he married Jane Keenan, who was also born in Ireland, and came to this country when 18 months old with her parents, who settled on a farm near Monongahela in Carroll Township, where she was reared. After his marriage Francis Nelson moved to Elizabeth, Pa., where he resided a short time, then purchased and located on a farm in Carroll Township and there spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were the parents of ten children: John, who died aged fifteen years; Samuel, who died at the age of sixty-five years; Eliza, who married John Williams, both now deceased; Frances; Sadie, who is the widow of Andrew Griffith; Mary Jane, who died in childhood; Catherine, who is the wife of James McGowan; William James; John H.; and Martha, who is the wife of Frank Myers.

William James Nelson obtained his educational training in an old stone schoolhouse in Carroll Township, and ever since has followed general farming and stock raising on his present farm, which he purchased from his father-in-law, Enoch Colvin. He was united in marriage

March 30, 1892, to Rosalie Colvin, a daughter of Enoch Colvin, and their union resulted in the following issue: Enoch Raymond; James Willbur; Mary Jeanette, and Charles Emmerson. Mr. Nelson is one of the substantial citizens of his community, and enjoys the confidence and good will of his fellow men. He is politically an adherent of the Democratic party. His father served two terms as county commissioner of Washington County.

GEORGE WAGNER, proprietor of Wagner's Confectionery and Ice Cream Parlor, at Charleroi, Pa., which is one of the most beautiful and elaborate establishments of its kind in western Pennsylvania, is also a manufacturer of ice cream, in which he deals both wholesale and retail, doing an extensive business in Charleroi and surrounding towns. He has been a resident here for the past nineteen years, and was born January 22, 1862, at Sharon, Mercer County, Pa., a son of Peter and Catherine Wagner, the former of whom died previous to our subject's birth.

George Wagner was reared at Sharon, Pa., where he learned the bakery business, at which he worked in various places for several years, then went to West Middlesex, Pa., where he ran a bakery until the spring of 1891, when he came to Charleroi and built a frame building on McKean avenue, where, for fourteen years he ran a bakery, which he subsequently sold to John Kuth. In 1906 he erected a fine brick business block, which he leased to a clothing house, and in the spring of 1908 removed his confectionery store to his present location, where he carries on an extensive business, and, as mentioned above, has one of the finest establishments of its kind in this section of the State.

While a resident of West Middlesex, Pa., Mr. Wagner was married to Delia A. Bateman, who was born and reared there, and is a daughter of James H. Bateman, who conducts a blacksmith shop near West Middlesex. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of five children: Lloyd G., Ethel, James, Edith and Frank. Mr. Wagner is a member of the B. P. O. E., of Charleroi; the I. O. O. F., both lower lodge and Encampment, and also the P. H. C.

WILLIAM JENKINS, a well known and highly respected citizen of West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., general farmer, was born on his present home place, June 8, 1835, and is a son of Thomas and Susan (Miller) Jenkins.

Thomas Jenkins came to Washington County from Maryland, about 1830 and purchased the farm of 105 acres, in West Finley Township, which is now owned by his son William, the second born of his children, the others being as follows: John, who is deceased; Jane, who is the wife of William Mitchell, lives in West Virginia; Thomas B., who was a member of the 85th

Pa. Vol. Inf., during the Civil War, was terribly wounded, thirty-six pieces of bone being removed from his limb, but he survived until 1891; Alexander, who was a captain in an artillery regiment during the Civil War, was practically starved to death in Libby Prison; Katherine, who is deceased; and David and George, twins, who live near Roney's Point, W. Va.

William Jenkins had few school advantages, but if his book training was inconsequential, he had plenty of physical exercise in splitting rails and carrying on the farm industries. In 1863 he entered the army as a teamster and served under the command of Gen. Negley until the war closed. While, from the nature of his work, he was never exposed to the dangers of real battle, on several occasions, as he relates in a most interesting way, he assisted other army teamsters to make a protective circle of the wagons and the center defended their contents in many a sharp skirmish.

When the father died the home farm was sold and remained in the possession of other parties until 1890, when Mr. Jenkins, desiring to own the old place, purchased it of C. Miller together with the adjoining farm, making in all 202 acres. In 1904 he also purchased what is known as the Gunn farm, of 161 acres, on which his son Cliff now resides. For many years following the Civil War, Mr. Jenkins was actively engaged in agricultural operations, but now the heaviest burdens are born by his very capable sons, Earl and Clifford. The land is productive and there is a flowing gas well on the place which brings in a very satisfactory revenue.

In 1877, Mr. Jenkins was married to Miss Mollie Sprowls, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Sprowls, of West Finley Township, and the following children were born to them: Harry E., born April 4, 1878, is deceased; Edwin, born September 3, 1880, is engaged in the oil business; Cliff W., born May 6, 1882, resides on the old Gunn farm; Earl, born December 30, 1883, manages the home farm; and Carma E., born October 17, 1888, lives at home, and is a teacher in the schools of Washington County. Mrs. Jenkins, daughters and son Cliff are members of the Windy Gap Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Jenkins is an uncompromising Republican but he has never permitted the use of his name in connection with public office. Although in his seventy-third year, Mr. Jenkins has the appearance of a man much younger, old Father Time having left his hair untouched, and his bodily vigor very little impaired. Mr. Jenkins attributes much of his good health to out-door life.

MATTHEW B. BROWN, general merchant at Thompsonville, Pa., is a member of a prominent family of Washington County. He is a descendant of Rev. Alexander Brown, D. D., the noted pioneer minister of that

name, and the grandson of Rev. Alexander Brown, D. D., who at one time was president of Washington and Jefferson College. Mr. Brown was born in Peters Township, Washington County, and is a son of Dr. David Finley and Mary Elizabeth (Caldwell) Brown.

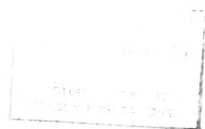
Dr. David Finley Brown was born at Canonsburg, Pa., after which his parents moved to their farm at Mt. Blaine, Peters Township, and there he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Caldwell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caldwell, of near Thompsonville, and to them two sons were born, Matthew B. and Joseph C. The latter died while yet an infant, the mother's death having preceded that of her babe. After the death of his wife, David F. Brown followed various pursuits for a while, but finally gave his attention to the study of medicine and was graduated from the medical university of Cleveland, Ohio. He located for practice at Tappan, Ohio, and after remaining there for some time, married Miss Carrie Rolland. He then moved to Elsie, Mich., and had a very successful practice there, but the severity of the winters causing him to fail in health, he looked toward the sunny South for a new home and subsequently located on the banks of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay, some fifty miles north of Norfolk, Va., where he still resides with his wife and daughter Wanda.

Matthew B. Brown was educated in the common schools and at Pittsburg Academy, Pittsburg. He began industrial life as a lineman with an electric company. In the spring of 1906 he turned his attention to merchandising and opened up his present store at Thompsonville, where he carries a first-class stock of goods and also handles farm machinery and supplies. Mr. Brown has fully demonstrated his business capacity and has prospered in his enterprises. He is numbered with the leading men of the village. He has never married, and ever since the death of his mother has made his home with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Joseph E. Caldwell.

J. E. RICHARDSON, a retired merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Bentleyville, Pa., who was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Somerset Township, was born June 17, 1860, on a farm, which adjoins the borough of Bentleyville, and is a son of Harrison and Sarah (Leatherman) Richardson.

Harrison Richardson was also born on the farm adjoining the borough of Bentleyville, where he followed farming all his life and died there in 1884. He was a son of Thomas Richardson, a native of Bethlehem Township, who was of Irish extraction, and settled on the farm in Somerset Township, where he spent his later years engaged in agricultural pursuits. There were five children born to the parents of our subject, namely: Leonadis, who died in boyhood; Winfield F., is a resi-







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dent of Bentleyville; Celia, deceased wife of Alfred Moore, a prominent attorney of Beaver, Pa., who was appointed judge of Alaska by President McKinley; J. E.; Richard E., who resides at Scenery Hill, Washington County. The mother of our subject passed out of this life in 1906.

J. E. Richardson attended the district schools of Somerset Township, and Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg, Pa., and grew to maturity on the old home farm, which he subsequently cultivated until the spring of 1909, when he disposed of the land and came to Bentleyville, where he engaged in the livery business. He shortly afterward placed the livery business under the management of his son, I. B. Richardson, who is still at its head. Mr. Richardson then became proprietor of a general store which he conducted for nearly a year and disposed of same in September, 1909. In March, 1907, Mr. Richardson moved into a large pressed-brick residence, which he erected, and which is considered the finest residence in the borough of Bentleyville. He is also owner of several other houses which he rents out, and is largely interested in coal stock in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He is a stockholder and director of the Farmers' and Miners' National Bank of Bentleyville.

Mr. Richardson married Ruth Crumrine, who was born and reared in Pike Run Township, a daughter of William and Matilda (McCarty) Crumrine, and is a cousin of Boyd Crumrine, the author of the last history of Washington County, and also of Superintendent Crumrine, of the Washington County schools. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the parents of five children: Ethel, Isaac B., who married Cora Huffman, has one child, Norman; Wayne, who married Lucille McCormick, has two children, Delmas and William; Ross; and Charles. Mr. Richardson holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee, and served four years as superintendent of the Sabbath school.

JOSEPH F. BOYER, cashier of the First National Bank of Finleyville, Pa., is also a stockholder and director of that concern and has been identified with the business and social interests of the borough for the past seventeen years. He was born November 24, 1858, on the old Boyer farm in Peters Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of John W. and Margaret J. (Townsend) Boyer, and a grandson of Samuel Boyer, who was of the pioneer settlers of Washington County.

John W. Boyer, who was born in Peters Township on a farm, was one of the following children born to his parents: Peter B.; James B., deceased; John W., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of David Higbee, deceased; Amy, deceased, was the wife of L. B. Welsh, deceased; Lucinda, is the widow of David Higbee; and Nancy, who married E. T. Townsend. John W.

Boyer grew to manhood in Peters Township, where he subsequently engaged in farming and stock raising and became widely known through the county as a wool buyer. After his marriage he purchased a farm near Bower Hill, Peters Township, and there followed farming until 1865, when he disposed of that farm and purchased the John Boggs farm in Union Township, which he cultivated until 1883, when he removed to Finleyville, where he lived in retirement until the time of his death, June 26, 1906. He was one of the organizers and directors of the First National Bank of Finleyville, which was organized in September, 1902. Mr. Boyer is survived by his widow, Margaret J. (Townsend) Boyer, who is a daughter of Joseph Townsend, of Peters Township, and four children: Joseph F., Samuel F., Charles L. and James H.

Joseph F. Boyer was quite young when his parents removed to a farm two miles north of Finleyville in Union Township, where he spent his youth and continued under the parental roof until 1892, when he engaged in the feed and hardware business at Finleyville for twelve years. He disposed of the business to B. B. Lytle and after working one year in the bank, succeeded his brother, Samuel F. Boyer, as cashier of that concern, of which he has also been a stockholder since its organization, and in January, 1903, became one of the directors. The First National Bank of Finleyville was established in 1902 with a capital stock of \$25,000, and a surplus of \$5,000, with the following officers: George C. Boggs, president; C. Fritchman, vice-president; Joseph D. Easter, Jr., cashier. The bank is located in a fine brick building on the corner of Washington avenue and Extension street, and is under the management of the present officers: A. H. Anderson, president; C. B. Troutman, vice-president, and Joseph F. Boyer, cashier.

Mr. Boyer is the owner of residence and business property at Finleyville, also has an interest in the home properties in Union and Peters townships, as well as having considerable real estate in the 19th Ward at Pittsburg. He is politically an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, has served as a member of the borough council, and for the past six years has been a member of the school board. His fraternal connection is with the Masonic order, belonging to the Commandery at Charleroi and the Syrian Temple at Pittsburg.

On February 18, 1885, Mr. Boyer married Sarah M. Herron, a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth J. Herron, and of their union have been born: Beulah B., M. Bess, and Sherman H. The family holds membership with the Presbyterial Church, of which Mr. Boyer is a trustee.

THOMAS E. McLAUGHLIN, owner and proprietor of a drug store at Midway, Pa., is a registered pharma-

cist and has been located at this place since July 17, 1907, when he purchased from the C. A. Newcomb Drug Company. He was born August 25, 1878, in Westmoreland County, Pa., and is a son of John T. and Sarah E. (Ewing) McLaughlin.

The father of Mr. McLaughlin was born in Pennsylvania, a son of Thomas and Margaret McLaughlin, and for a number of years has been in the general mercantile business at Elder's Ridge, Indiana County, Pa. He married Sarah E. Ewing, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Ewing. They had the following children: May, Thomas E., Mary, Margaret, Charles, Eva, John and Helen.

Thomas E. McLaughlin was educated in the public schools of Indiana County and Elder's Ridge Academy, and after four years in the latter institution, entered the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated as a pharmacist. He came then to Midway and established himself here, where he not only carries a large line of pure drugs, but also has a stock of the various articles found on sale in every first-class drug store of modern times.

On September 12, 1906, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Matilda Sneller, a daughter of Lonis and Nancy Sneller, the former of whom died in Wisconsin, when Mrs. McLaughlin was a child. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have one daughter, Emmaline, who was born May 16, 1908. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. and A. M., at McDonald; and Silver Lodge, No. 382, Knights of Pythias, at Ford City, Pa.

DAVIS ELLSWORTH GAMBLE, a representative business man of Monongahela City, Pa., dealing in grain, mill feed and agricultural implements, was born in Washington County, Pa., February 15, 1865, and is a son of the late John and Mary A. (Tinkey) Gamble.

John Gamble was born in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., and was a son of Aaron Gamble, who was born in Ireland and came to this section in its early days of settlement. He reared a large family and the following names have been preserved: John, Joseph, William, Aaron, Samuel, Andrew, Margaret and Elizabeth. In his young manhood, John Gamble taught school for several years. He was the only member of his family who identified himself with the Republican party and he was elected and served as clerk of the county courts. Afterward, for thirteen years, he served as steward of the Washington County Home, and after resigning this position, he bought 300 acres of farm land in North Strabane Township. He carried on farming and stock raising there until his death, which occurred in 1886, when aged sixty years. He married Mary

A. Tinkey, also a native of Washington County, who survived him but two years. To them were born six children, namely: James Sloan; John R.; Elizabeth, widow of Levi Winnett; William W., Davis Ellsworth; and Anna M., wife of Thomas Allen.

Davis E. Gamble was quite small when his father moved to North Strabane Township and his earliest recollections are of the farm on which he grew to manhood. He attended the district schools and helped in the farming and later came into possession of 132 acres of the homestead. He continued to cultivate this land for a few years and then rented it out and came to Monongahela City in 1895. Subsequently he sold his farm to M. Wilson, of Canonsburg. Mr. Gamble carried on a feed and implement business alone for three years and then admitted Joseph Lytle to partnership, three years later buying the latter's interest, and has continued the business at No. 309 West Fourth street ever since. In 1906 he built the large elevator on the corner of Seventh and Railroad streets. In addition to his grain, feed and implement business, Mr. Gamble is a director of the First National Bank of Monongahela City.

On February 18, 1903, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Letitia Bell Ross, who is a daughter of Joseph L. and Hannah A. (Bell) Ross. The former was born on his father's farm in Amwell Township, Washington County, in 1834, a son of Joseph Ross, and a grandson in the Revolutionary War, and later established the Ross of Samuel Ross, who was born in New Jersey, served family in Washington County. The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Gamble was Elizabeth Barnard, a granddaughter of Gen. Andrew Lewis, a Revolutionary patriot. The father of Mrs. Gamble was reared on the old Ross homestead in Amwell Township and in his boyhood attended the typical old log school-house of pioneer days. In the fall of 1861 he married Hannah A. Bell, who died in 1906, aged fifty-seven years. They had five children: William S., Letitia B., David B., Isaac Thomas and Mary C. Mr. Ross subsequently bought a farm of 140 acres, located in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, on which he lived for many years, selling it in 1890, and retiring to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gamble. Formerly he was a prominent figure in Republican politics and in 1883 he was elected county commissioner and served until 1887. For some sixteen years he was in business at Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble have a very attractive home at No. 624 Cole street, Monongahela City. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican and he is serving in the Select Council. Fraternally he is a member of Washington Lodge No. 164, A. F. & A. M., and of Monongahela Lodge No. 455, B. P. O. E.

WILLIAM McPEAK, a leading citizen of Cecil Township, resides on his valuable farm of 100 acres, which is situated on the Cecil and McDonald road, one mile west of the former place, was born on this farm February 7, 1841. His parents were James and Jane (Cochran) McPeak.

James McPeak was born at the foot of McPeak Hill, in Maryland, October 23, 1800, and when three years old was brought to Washington County, Pa., by his parents, who settled in Mt. Pleasant Township, near Hickory. After his school days were over he worked on the farm and also learned the carpenter trade. He settled on the farm his son William owns, following his first marriage and died here, October 23, 1880, and his burial was in the Venice Cemetery. He was a good man, a faithful member and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, having served previously as an elder in the old Scedder Church. He located on this farm in 1836 and went to Canonsburg to cast his vote, which was with the Republican party after its organization. He was an intelligent and public-spirited citizen and through his efforts secured much better mail service than had been previously afforded this section, also succeeded in having a polling place installed in Cecil Township, and was one of the early promoters of the church at Venice. For many years he was one of the leading sheep raisers of this section. He served honestly and intelligently in numerous township offices and was known all over the county. He was married (first) in 1833 to Jane Douglass, a daughter of John Douglass, who left one daughter, Mary, born in 1835, who died November 2, 1860. He was married (second) in 1838, to Jane Cochran, a daughter of Samuel Cochran, who lived near Robinson's Run, and six children were born to this union: Samuel, born July 18, 1839, died in 1907, and was buried in Melrose Cemetery, Bridgeville, Pa.; William; Sarah, who married J. R. Dinsmore, residing near Hickory, in Mt. Pleasant Township; Elizabeth, who is the widow of D. L. McConnell; David, who was born April 26, 1846, died in 1909, and was buried in the Venice Cemetery; and Martha, who married J. F. Mawhiney, lives in Cecil Township. The mother of the above children was born in September, 1810, and died June 27, 1885, and her burial was in the Venice Cemetery.

William McPeak engaged in farming as soon as his period of school attendance was over and has always continued in the same line, although he lived in Canonsburg from 1892 until September 27, 1905, when he returned to the farm. He has improved the farm buildings and has everything very comfortable about him. During the Civil War, he was out for nine months as a soldier in the State Guards, but his company was never called into battle.

On December 18, 1866, Mr. McPeak was married (first) to Miss Abigail Hickman, a daughter of Stewart Hickman, of Allegheny County. She died September 9, 1896, and was interred in the Venice Cemetery. Two sons were born to this marriage: Stewart J. and Wilbert H. Stewart J. McPeak was born May 29, 1868, and died March 14, 1903. He was a graduate of Duff's Business College and went into business as a merchant at Venice, but sold out there and started a general store at Jeanette, Pa., where he was engaged at the time of his death. He was an admirable man in every way and was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at that place. In 1894 he married Ida B. Carlisle, a daughter of Robert Carlisle, and one son was born to them in July, 1895, who bears the name of Wilmer R. The second son of Mr. McPeak, Wilbert H., was born February 4, 1875. He was educated in Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg and college at New Wilmington, being graduated from the latter institution, and then studied theology in the United Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny City. His first charge to which he was sent in April, 1901, was at Port Huron, Mich. In 1906 he moved to Mercer, Mercer County, Pa., where he has charge of the Second United Presbyterian Church. He was married May 28, 1903, to Madge Conway, of Butler County, Pa., and they have two children: Helen, born in March, 1904; and Martha, born in May, 1907.

William McPeak was married (second) September 22, 1897, to Miss Ella McNary, a daughter of Samuel McNary, of North Strabane Township. Mr. McPeak is a leading member of the Venice United Presbyterian Church and for several years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has identified himself with the Prohibitionist party.

R. M. ALLISON, who does a large business at Hickory, Pa., as a hardware merchant, has been established in this place since September, 1907. He was born in Beaver County, Pa., December 11, 1857, and is a son of Joseph and Agnes (Noads) Allison.

R. M. Allison attended the public schools of Beaver and Washington Counties and then went into the business which he has continued to be engaged in ever since. His first hardware store was conducted at Imperial, Pa., which he sold prior to coming to Hickory, in April, 1907. He has commodious quarters, his storeroom having dimensions of twenty-two by sixty feet, and he carries a large stock which includes, in addition to all kinds of hardware, agricultural implements and wagons and buggies. His trade comes from all over the county, he having established and maintained a reputation for honest, stable business qualities. In December, 1909, he enlarged his business and took into partnership William Denny, of Cecil Township.

Mr. Allison was married in July, 1882, to Miss Amanda Porter, who, at death, left two children: Lena and Winfield. He was married (second) in November, 1887, to Miss Martha Connell, a daughter of Joseph Connell, of Beaver County, and they have six children: Connell, Willard, Jeanette, Raymond, Margaret and Scott. Mr. Allison and family attend the Presbyterian Church. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for twenty-eight years, holding the offices of choir leader, Sunday-school superintendent, trustee, treasurer and elder. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN GRABLE McCORMICK, a retired farmer and an honored and esteemed citizen of Bentleyville, Pa., who is familiarly known in that borough as "Uncle J. McCormick," was born June 11, 1839, on a farm about two miles from Bentleyville, Pa., and is a son of John and Juliana (Grable) McCormick.

John McCormick, father of our subject, was a farmer who dealt extensively in livestock, which he made his principal business. He was born in Muntown, Washington County, Pa., a son of John McCormick, a native of Ireland, who came to this country at a very early period and settled on the farm on which John G. McCormick was born. The father of our subject died in Somerset Township in 1887, and the mother died in 1845.

John Grable McCormick was reared by his grandmother, his mother having died when he was a lad of six years. Mr. McCormick has been a life-long resident of Somerset Township, and in 1892 came to Bentleyville and settled on land which his father had purchased in 1880, and upon which his brother, Albert McCormick, had been residing. This farm our subject subsequently sold in town lots. Mr. McCormick resides in a fine large frame house which he had built in 1906.

In 1869, Mr. McCormick married Susan Dickerson, a daughter of Joshua and Belijah (Lafferty) Dickerson. Mrs. McCormick was born and reared in Harrison County, Ohio, where she was living at the time of their marriage. They have one child, Juliana, who married John A. Wright, and she has two children: J. McCormick Wright and Mary Salome Wright.

Mr. McCormick is a stockholder in the Acme Brewing Company of Bentleyville; is a stockholder and director in the Farmers' and Miners' National Bank, and a stockholder in the Bentleyville National Bank.

BYERS BROS., general merchants at Pleasant Grove, East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., have been established at this point since 1901, and through their business capacity and honorable methods, have built up a large business, attracting trade from all this section of Washington County. The firm is made up of L. Henry and T. Franklin Byers.

The parents of the Byers brothers were David R. and Catherine L. (Vansyoc) Byers. The father was a farmer, carpenter and at one time operated a sawmill. His death occurred in 1889 and his burial was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. He married in early manhood and his children were as follows: L. Henry, T. Franklin, Sarah L., John Addison and William, the only survivors being L. Henry and T. Franklin.

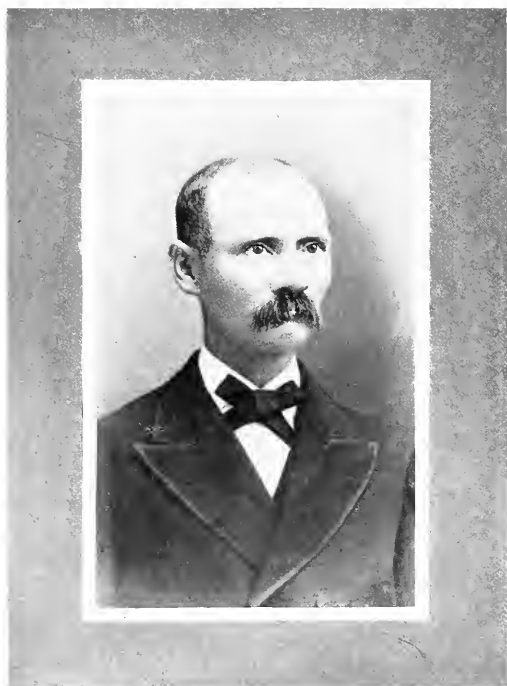
L. Henry Byers was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, in 1867, and until he was twenty-two years of age, attended school quite regularly from boyhood, completing his course with one term at Buffalo and two terms in the Normal School at Claysville. He then engaged in farming and continued until 1901, when he embarked in his present mercantile enterprise at Pleasant Grove. He is an active citizen of his township and village and has served as register, assessor and school director at different times. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1890, L. Henry Byers was married to Miss Sadie J. Clutter, a daughter of Christopher W. and Elizabeth (Sanders) Clutter, of East Finley Township, and they have had two children, Robert C. and Minnie V., both of whom are now deceased. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

T. Franklin Byers was born in East Finley Township in 1869. He attended the public schools until he was eighteen years of age and then went to work in the sawmill and was otherwise occupied until he joined his older and only brother in the present mercantile business at Pleasant Grove.

ALBERT ERDELYI, who conducts the Foreign Exchange Bank, which is one of the leading banking institutions of Donora, Pa., has been a resident here since 1901, and is one of the prominent and influential business men of the town. He was born May 3, 1877, in Hungary, a son of George and Mary Erdelyi, and in 1883 came to America and located at Braddock, Pa., where he was foreman of the tool department at the Braddock mills until 1901, then came to Donora, Pa., and became foreman of the tool room at the American Steel Mills. During his two years' service with this company he was elected a member of the Donora council, on the Republican ticket, and in 1904 he and John Wainer purchased from Archer Cline, his present banking interests, which they operated until 1906, when Mr. Erdelyi bought his partner's interest in the business, and has since been sole owner of the Foreign Exchange Bank of Donora. Mr. Erdelyi is a most thorough, painstaking and obliging banker, carrying on an extensive business with all classes, the foreign element and the native, and most readily provides for his patrons, letters of credit, drafts and checks, and exchanges foreign





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money into money of the United States, or money of the United States into foreign money. He also sells steamship tickets to all parts of the world. Mr. Erdelyi has served for the past four years as a notary public, is also interested in fire insurance and real estate, and owns the business block on McKean avenue where his bank is located, and also other property in Donora.

Mr. Erdelyi was the organizer of the St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church, a \$52,000 edifice, located on the corner of Thompson and Sixth streets, which is one of the finest buildings in Donora. The Rev. Father Fieorn has charge of the church, which has a membership of 1,200, and the school has over 200 pupils enrolled. Mr. Erdelyi also organized the Beneficial Society, and the National Slavonic Society, insurance organizations, and is president and the organizer of the Slavonic Republican Club, which has a membership of 250. He is fraternally a member of the Knights of Pythias of Donora.

Mr. Erdelyi was married November 10, 1894, to Mary C. Carnak, who was born in Europe, and they have six children: Helen, Agnes, Rose, Albert, Ralph, and Sylvester.

E. L. COLLIER, M.D., vice-president of the First National Bank at Roscoe, Washington County, Pa., and a leading physician and surgeon of this borough, was born on a farm in George Township, Fayette County, Pa., February 17, 1870. His parents were William C. and Mary A. (Longanecker) Collier.

Dr. Collier was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools until he was seventeen years of age. He then entered the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, and from there the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, Ky., graduating at the unusually early age of twenty-two years. He was accepted as an assistant by his uncle, Dr. Longanecker, at Fair Chance, Fayette County, Pa., with whom he remained for two years, during that time gaining much experience. From there he came to Roscoe, January 1, 1895, and has here built up a substantial practice, based upon medical skill. He has taken a hearty interest in the affairs of the borough as well as in the professional organizations of county and state, being identified with local medical societies and also the American Medical Association. When the First National Bank was organized at Roscoe, Dr. Collier was made vice-president and has served as such since 1900. He has served six years on the school board, and was on the board when the present school edifice was built, which is one of the finest in the county.

Dr. Collier married Miss Lillian Frances Dorman, of Allegheny City, Pa., and they have two daughters: Pauline and Marella. Dr. Collier is a thirty-second degree Mason.

WILLIAM McC. DINSMORE, one of Washington County's representative citizens and men of substance, owns two valuable farms, one of 265 acres, all in one block, situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, and the other, of 160 acres, situated near McConnell's Mills, in Chartiers Township. Mr. Dinsmore was born near Taylors-town, Washington County, Pa., October 12, 1843, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (McClay) Dinsmore, and a grandson of James Dinsmore.

James Dinsmore was probably born in either Scotland or Ireland. A sheepskin deed in the possession of his grandson, William McC. Dinsmore, shows that he purchased land in what was called Caanan, in Allegheny County, Pa., twelve miles from Pittsburg, November 21, 1786. He lived on that farm for several years and then sold it and moved near Buffalo village in Mt. Pleasant Township, the farm now being in the Cook name, its owner, before marriage, having been a Dinsmore. James Dinsmore met with an accidental death, being thrown from a horse. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Buffalo and Mt. Lebanon, and so strict was he in the observance of his religious duties that on many occasions he walked the entire distance of eight miles in order to attend the services at the Mt. Lebanon Church. He left an estate of 130 acres to his widow, who survived to the unusual age of ninety-three years.

Robert Dinsmore was the oldest of the children of James and Jettie (Byers) Dinsmore, the others being: William, John, Alexander, James, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Sarah. He had few educational advantages, it being necessary for him to give his father much assistance on the farm. After his marriage he lived near Taylors-town for one year and then moved into Chartiers Township and lived near Houston for six years. In 1851 he moved to the old farm of 292 acres situated in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, and lived there until the time of his death, in 1880. In early manhood he united with the Presbyterian Church but later became a United Presbyterian and his burial was in the cemetery belonging to the Venice Church in Cecil Township. He was a Republican in his political connection. He married Margaret McClay, a daughter of William McClay, and they had three children: James, Sarah Jane and William McClay. The mother of the family died in 1876.

William McC. Dinsmore first went to school in Chartiers Township and later in South Fayette Township, after his parents moved to Allegheny County, and secured a good, common school education. He remained at home until his marriage and afterward until 1892, when he purchased his present Mt. Pleasant Township farm, of Mrs. John M. Miller. This farm had already been tested for oil and gas and has one good gas well, the contractor having lost three strings of tools here. He found

quite a large amount of improving to do in order to carry on first-class farming and stock raising, all of the smaller structures having been put up by him, including sheep pens, wagon shed, hog pens and granary, and he also repaired and painted the farm residence both inside and out. Mr. Dinsmore raises cattle merely for butter purposes and his own use, but gives considerable attention to sheep, keeping from 200 to 250 over winter.

Mr. Dinsmore was married May 29, 1884, to Miss Elizabeth Slater, a daughter of Rev. William and Margaret (McClay) Slater, of Mt. Pleasant Township, and they have six children, namely: William S. C., Margaret, Robert McClay, Martha Jane, Sarah Alice and John Cameron, all of whom reside at home. Mr. Dinsmore has given his children good school and social advantages and they are intelligent and pleasant-mannered young people. Mr. Dinsmore and family belong to the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In his views on public questions he is in accord with neither of the great political parties, usually casting his vote for the candidate, who, in his judgment, seems best qualified to exercise the duties of the office to which he aspires. Mr. Dinsmore has never accepted any office except that of school director and only that because of his interest in the township schools.

HENRY M. RIGGLE, one of North Franklin Township's substantial citizens, farmer, fruit-grower and horseman, resides on his valuable estate of ninety-eight acres, on which he has 1,000 fruit trees and 800 grape vines. He was born in what is now South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., March 19, 1855, and is a son of Abraham and Keturah (Van Kirk) Riggle.

Abraham Riggle, father of Henry M., was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of John Riggle, an early settler in that section, and was one of the boys who wagoned over the mountains in the early days. He owned a large farm near the National Pike. Abraham Riggle married Keturah Van Kirk, who was a daughter of Harry and Mary (Jolly) Van Kirk, old names in Washington County. Harry Van Kirk was well known in many sections as he was a skilled stonemason and completed contracts all over the county in the early building days. Both Abraham Riggle and wife are deceased and the two surviving members of their family are: Henry M. and Thomas, the latter of whom resides in Missouri.

Henry M. Riggle obtained his education in the district schools of South Franklin Township and from early youth has been interested in all kinds of farm pursuits. At present he leases and has control of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company's farm, which is located a short distance from Washington on the turnpike road, consisting of 165 acres of land, which he devotes to farm-

ing and stock raising. He is much interested in raising fine stock and is a good judge of the same. At present he owns some full blooded English shire horses, which have many superior points.

Mr. Riggle married Miss Flora Booth, a daughter of the late William Booth, of Morris Township, and five children have been born to them, namely: Elizabeth O., who is the wife of M. H. Moore, of Washington, Pa., prior to her marriage was stenographer and capable bookkeeper; Laura M., who is a graduate of Washington Seminary in the class of 1907 and now resides at home; Eva, Ethel and Minnie; Leanna, who died in infancy; and John F. L., at home. Mr. Riggle and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee and also a member of the board of elders. In his political affiliation he has always been a Democrat. He has served in a number of public capacities and in all performed the duties of office with fidelity. While residing in Morris Township for some years, he served there as assessor, school director and constable and he has also been supervisor at different times in the township in which he lived.

SAMUEL G. McFARLAND, son of William and Mary, was born in Smith Township, December 11, 1830. He was graduated at Washington College in the class of 1857, and ordained minister by the Presbytery of Washington in 1860. He was married May 3rd, 1860 to Jane E., daughter of John Hays, of Canonsburg. In 1860, after a farewell meeting held in Raccoon Church, he sailed, June 5, for the mission in Petchaburi, Siam, eighty miles from Bangkok. There he organized two churches. In 1879, at the invitation of the king, he took charge of a school for Siamese boys of the higher classes, and became superintendent of education for the Siamese government. Four years from 1891, he was connected with bureau of compilation, preparing books for the schools in the Siamese language. He translated four books of the Pentateuch, a large portion of the minor prophets, the Westminster Confession of Faith, treatise on the Christian Evidence, and a synopsis of church history, a book of sermons, and a large number of scientific books, including geology, botany, bookkeeping and a Siamese dictionary. He returned to Canonsburg and died there April 26, 1897.

His children were as follows: William H., who died in Bangkok, leaving a wife and a daughter now residing in Altoona. Samuel Edwin Hunter McFarland, born in Bangkok June 27, 1864, class of 1884 at Washington and Jefferson College, teacher in King's English school in Bangkok, author of a "Siamese Primer," "Lessons in English," who died unmarried, dropping dead from his bicycle near Canonsburg, August 8, 1895. The Smith-Premier typewriter was changed and adapted to the use

of Siamese characters by him. He worked daily with the type-cutters in Syracuse, N. Y., assisting them in preparing the correct letters. This machine is the only one in use in Siam and the foreign legations of the Siamese government throughout the world. The use of this machine is very general in Siam and the business is now carried on by his only surviving brother, Dr. George B. McFarland, of Bangkok, Siam, formerly of the Washington and Jefferson class of 1887. Dr. George B. McFarland has several times revised the dictionary translated by his father and it is now one of the leading dictionaries.

The only daughter of Samuel G. and Jane E. McFarland is Miss Mary McFarland, teacher, residing in Washington, D. C.

ROBERT D. WYLIE was born August 23, 1840, in South Strabane Township, Washington County, on the farm and in the same house in which he now resides. He has a magnificent estate of 380 acres. His parents were David and Harriet Belle (Simison) Wylie.

The Wylie family is of Scotch ancestry and was founded in America by three brothers who came together to Pennsylvania, the great-great-grandfather of Robert D. Wylie settling in the western part of the State.

David Wylie, father of Robert D., was born near Wheeling, W. Va., in 1799, and died in South Strabane Township, Washington County, in 1879. In early manhood he came to Washington and made his home with his uncle, Hugh Wylie, who was postmaster at Washington. He made his nephew his assistant and they continued in office during three administrations. At that time, during his term as postmaster, the United States mails were carried by coaches over the National Road east and west from Washington, D. C., and Washington, Pa., was the distributing office for both Pittsburg and Wheeling. After his first marriage, in 1828, David Wylie settled on the farm on which he passed the remainder of his life. He began with 100 acres of wild land and this he not only cleared and put under cultivation, but added to it, and this same farm is now one of the most valuable properties in South Strabane Township. In early life he was a Whig and later became an ardent Republican. In his religious views he was a Presbyterian. For many years prior to his death he was a consistent member of Chartiers Presbyterian Church. He was a man of sterling character and his qualities are largely reflected in his large family of children. He was married first to Miss Eunice Hanna, a daughter of David Hanna, of Columbiana County, Ohio. She died after the birth of one daughter, who is now also deceased. On June 1, 1831, Mr. Wylie was married (second) to Harriet Belle Simison, who survived until August 25, 1883. Her parents were Gen. Robert and Margaret (Sanderson)

Simison and she was the youngest daughter in a family of seven children. Gen. Simison was a native of Cumberland County, Pa. He was a Revolutionary soldier under Washington and was afterward sent west, during Washington's administration, to survey public lands in the State of Ohio, at which time he took up a large tract of land in what is now Columbiana County. He commanded, as brigadier-general, a division of the army detailed to keep the Indians in check, and on this expedition died of a fever.

To David and Harriet Belle Wylie were born ten children, as follows: Tappan W., who died in 1871; Hugh H., who died in 1834; Simison R.; Edmund B.; Robert D.; William S., Catherine I. and James S., who were triplets and all now deceased; and Samuel S. and David Austin. Of these, Tappan W. attended Washington College for three years and was a soldier in the Civil War, meeting death in 1871 from an explosion. He married Nancy McClane, of Washington County. Simison R. attended Washington College for two years, after which he followed farming on the homestead. Edmund B. also attended Washington College for two years, in August, 1862, enlisted in 25th Iowa Vol. Inf. for service in the Civil War, and served until its close, under Gen. Sherman. He was detailed to act as company commissary in the famous march through Georgia, from Atlanta to Savannah. Since 1865 he has operated his large farm in Jackson County, Iowa. He married Lizzie McConnell, of Beaver County and they have four children. Samuel S. graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1866, studied theology for two years at Allegheny, and one year at Edinburgh, Scotland, and in 1872 settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Middle Springs, Pa., of which church he is still the pastor. He also served six months in the Civil War. He married Jane McCune, of Cumberland County and they have three children.

Robert D. Wylie first attended the common schools of his native district and in 1857 entered the Washington Union School, where he was a student for two years. In 1859 he entered the preparatory class at Washington College and continued his studies there without interruption, until he was graduated in September, 1863, being fifth in his class. For four years he taught both ancient languages and mathematics in his alma mater, as professor pro tem. In 1868 he gave up teaching in order to enter upon the study of law. He became a student in the office of Attorney Alexander Wilson, but, owing to continued ill health, in large measure brought on by protracted intellectual effort, he finally gave up his ambition in that direction and returned to the home farm, where he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until the present.

By the will of his father, he was left 138 acres of the

homestead, subject to widow's dower, and legacies amounting to \$3,000 and about \$1,000 of debt to pay off. This was the situation of R. D. Wylie's finances in April, 1879. By careful planning and exercising constant prudence and economy, all these claims were liquidated in a few years. Since that time, being encouraged and ably assisted by his wise and faithful wife, he has been able to erect new farm buildings and add to the original farm by purchases on three sides until now the farm contains 380 acres in a compact body, all paid for.

During the period 1880-1885 he was a contributor to the pages of the agricultural papers, on topics affecting the interests and welfare of farmers. He was quite successful in a number of contests, where awards were made by committees, as conducted by "National Stockman," of Pittsburg, Pa. Owing to press of business on the farm, he was compelled to abandon literary work. And now in recalling the many events of a busy life, while there are some that he would now recall, if possible, yet he looks forward with serenity: committing all his ways to a merciful Creator.

On June 14, 1882, Mr. Wylie was married to Miss Margaret E. Walker, the youngest daughter of Jonathan Walker, of Butler County, Pa., and they have three children living, and one daughter died in infancy. His children are: Walker M., Leila M., and Nora Grizella. Mr. Wylie is a member of Chartiers Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Wylie is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Republican and for years has been active in township and county affairs, and in 1905 was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, by a majority of 1,609 in a very hard-fought campaign, in which a large body of Republicans deserted the regular party ticket, on which Mr. Wylie was regularly nominated, and, joining the Democrats, formed the Citizens' Party and nominated a ticket which they supported strenuously.

During his term in the commissioner's office, he advocated the building of improved roads under the act of 1905, Pennsylvania Laws, but at the same time built roads in the county under act of 1895, known as Flinn Road Act, up to the limit allowed by act. During his term as commissioner, there were put under contract or completed roads as follows: Washington and Middletown, five miles; Burgettstown and Florence, two miles; Lone Pine and Washington Road, five and one-half miles; Houston and McConnell's Mill Road, two miles; Bealls-ville Road, three miles; Taylorstown Station Road, one mile; Washington and Meadowlands Road, two miles; Finleyville to county line, three miles; Dry Run Road, three miles; and Burgettstown to Cross Creek Road, two miles.

HON. FRANK CRAVEN, who has been identified

with the Southwestern State Normal School, located at California, Pa., as superintendent and controller of the building and grounds, for some fifteen years, in the summer of 1909, was elected to be also business manager of the school. Mr. Craven was born and reared in Washington County.

Mr. Craven left school when but fourteen years of age, having attended the Normal School at California for a time, and then took upon himself the responsibility of self-support. He secured a position in the railway department of the United States mail service, on the run between Pittsburg and Harrisburg, and later embarked in the mercantile business at California, which he continued until he accepted the responsible offices he now holds. From early manhood he has been interested in politics and has been a prominent factor in the ranks of the Republican party for years. He served as a representative in the State Legislature through three terms, being elected first in 1905, serving in the special session of 1906, and again in 1907. In this session he led the memorable fight over the so-called Craven Local Option Bill.

Mr. Craven was united in marriage with Myrtille West. Margaret, a daughter, is a graduate of the Southwestern State Normal School at California, and also a graduate of the Women's College, at Baltimore, Md. She is a teacher in the former institution. Kate, a younger daughter, is a student in the Southwestern State Normal School. Mr. Craven is a member of the Royal Arcanum and has passed through all the offices in the local lodge of this organization.

DEMAS LINDLEY, deceased, for many years was one of the leading agriculturists of South Franklin Township, and was a representative of one of the prominent old families of Washington County. He was born in Morris Township, August 9, 1818, and was a son of Benjamin and Jerusha (Cooper) Lindley.

Benjamin Lindley was a son of Levi Lindley, who came from near Mendham, N. J., with his brothers, Caleb and Demas, about 1780, and they became the first settlers of Morris Township, Washington County.

Demas Lindley, son of Benjamin, was reared in Morris Township and remained there until his marriage, in 1842, to Lovina Day, a daughter of Luther Day. They commenced married life on a farm in Buffalo Township, where they resided for four years and then settled on the farm in South Franklin Township, which continued the family home. There Mrs. Lindley died, April 8, 1889, after forty-seven years of happy wedded life. He survived his beloved companion for several years, dying December 6, 1902. The burial of both was in the cemetery at Prosperity. No children were born to them but they bestowed parental care and affection on a niece,

Sarah A. Lindley. The latter is now the wife of Hamilton R. Post, and they reside in South Franklin Township, at Van Buren.

In early years of manhood, Mr. Lindley was a Whig but upon the organization of the Republican party he identified himself with that political organization. He was always active in the affairs of the community and for a time served as school director and also as assessor. Both he and wife were faithful members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Bethel.

HOMER L. CLARK, M.D., a retired medical practitioner of Washington, Pa., who is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, was born in 1863 at Scenery Hill, West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa.

Dr. Clark was about ten years old when his parents came to Washington, where he was reared and attended the Washington and Jefferson College. He graduated from Waynesburg College with the class of 1882. Previous to graduation he had registered as a student of medicine. He spent one year at the Bellevue Medical College of New York, and in 1885 graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland, and first embarked in the practice of medicine at Morgantown, W. Va., where for three years he made very satisfactory progress. He then came to Washington, where he associated himself in practice with his father with whom he continued until about five years ago, when, owing to ill health, he was compelled to retire from active work.

On June 25, 1882, Dr. Clark was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Emma Louise Sypher, of Waynesburg, a lineal descendant of Capt. James Seals of Revolutionary fame, and of their union have been born the following children: Lucy A., a teacher in the Washington Public schools; Paul L., who is employed in a grocery store; Byron, who is a student at Washington and Jefferson College, and Homer and Benton. Dr. Clark holds membership with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington.

WILLIAM R. McKEAN, a florist and one of the highly esteemed citizens of Charleroi, Pa., comes of that branch of the McKean family, which at one time owned a large amount of the land upon which the present site of Charleroi is located. He was born December 23, 1857, at Ingram, Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of Robert and Jeanette (Caird) McKean.

Robert McKean was a gardener and truck farmer during his active career, and was a large land owner, having at one time a tract of 220 acres, which lie in the heart of the borough of Charleroi, and also owned the Thomas Red and William McMahon farms, which also form the present site of Charleroi. He was for some time engaged in truck farming at Mansfield, Allegheny

County, then came to Washington County, January 1, 1866, and located on the farm which he purchased in the previous year. Here he engaged in truck gardening on a large scale until the town of Charleroi was laid out, when he disposed of his land to the Charleroi Land Company, retaining about fifty-one acres, one of which our subject now resides upon, the remaining fifty acres lying on the hill, being on the other side of Fifth street. Robert McKean died October 24, 1893, and his wife died April 29, 1890. They were the parents of eight children: James S., who died April 29, 1900, was a prominent banker, president of the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and served as postmaster of that city for four years; William, who died aged three years; John C., who is a resident of Charleroi; William R., the subject of this sketch; Andrew C., who lives at Charleroi; Agnes (Mrs. Stewart) and Robert A., both of whom reside at Pittsburgh; and Mary, who married C. F. Thompson.

William R. McKean was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted his father in gardening and has for years been owner of a floral establishment, his greenhouses being located on the corner of Third and Lincoln streets. He was united in marriage with Ada Maguire, a daughter of Howard E. and Mary (Atkinson) Maguire. She was born and reared in Greenville, Mercer County, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. McKean have two children: James S. and Mary Jeanette. Mr. McKean is a Knight Templar Mason.

JOHN M. RAAB, president and organizer of the J. M. Raab & Brother Hardware Company, extensive dealers in hardware and farm implements at Midway, Pa., and a representative citizen of the borough, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., October 31, 1863, and is a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Lutz) Raab.

The parents of Mr. Raab were of German ancestry and the father was a well known farmer in Mt. Pleasant Township for a number of years. Both he and wife were good, Christian people, worthy members of the German Lutheran Church. They were parents of the following children: John M.; Elizabeth, who married J. F. Stroble; Mary, who is deceased; Frank W., who is in partnership with is eldest brother, in the hardware business; Catherine, who is the widow of J. H. Winters; and two that died in infancy.

John M. Raab's school days ended when he was thirteen years of age, his services then becoming valuable to his father on the farm, and he remained there engaged in farming and stock raising until he was twenty-seven years of age, and after that continued on a rented farm for seven years. In 1901, in partnership with his brother, Frank W., he embarked in the present business at Midway, which has proved a profitable one. The firm han-

dles all kinds of general hardware and farm implements of every description and it has a wide acquaintance through the farming districts around Midway, enjoying a large trade on account of reliable goods and honest methods of disposing of them.

On April 8, 1896, Mr. Raab was married to Miss Alice Winters, who is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gamble) Winters. Her parents had the following children: J. H., who is deceased; Alice; Catherine, who is the widow of Frank Jones; William; Agnes, deceased, who was the wife of E. H. Hartman. Mr. and Mrs. Raab have three children: Thomas Martin, Carl Robert and Zelda Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Raab are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics, as was his late father, he is a Democrat.

NICHOLAS VEESER, president and general manager of the Acme Brewing Company of Bentleyville, Pa., of which he was the promoter and organizer, has been a resident here since July, 1907. He was born December 22, 1861, in the southern part of Germany, and is a son of Valentine and Alice Veesser, the former of whom was a miller by trade.

Nicholas Veesser was about ten years old when his parents came to the United States, and they located in Wisconsin. There he was reared and subsequently entered the Brewers' Academy at Chicago, from which he graduated in 1896, since which time he has served as brew master in various parts of the country, including San Francisco, Denver, and Peru, Ill., where he was located for five years, after which he had charge of the Charleroi Brewing Company at Charleroi, Pa., for five years. He then came to Bentleyville, where he promoted and sold stock for the Acme Brewing Company, of which he has been president and manager since its organization, with John P. Kusters, of Charleroi, as secretary and treasurer. The erection of the brewery was begun September 6, 1906, and was completed June 15, 1907, the first brew having been put out on July 2, 1907. They employ from twenty-five to thirty men in the brewery, bottling house and on the wagons, and ship to Donora, Charleroi, Monessen and various other towns, sending out from eight to ten wagons daily.

Mr. Veesser was united in marriage with Augustina Zihmer. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Eagles.

ALANSON RITNER DAY, a contract painter and decorator of Monongahela City, who was elected an alderman in 1907, was born April 5, 1873, in Colorado, and is a son of Rev. Alanson R. and Lydia M. (Cort) Day.

Rev. Alanson Ritner Day was born at Sparta, Morris Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William Day, who engaged in farming near Sparta, and

for many years operated a sawmill during his early life. He was one of six children born to his parents, namely: Alanson; Theo; Alvina; Howard, deceased; Ida, and Edith, deceased. Rev. Alanson R. Day was reared on his father's farm in Morris Township and graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and the Allegheny Theological Seminary, after which he surveyed and completed a map of Washington County. After his marriage he moved to the West, making the trip from Kansas to Colorado in covered wagons, and about 1861, established the First Presbyterian Church of Denver, which was the first church of any denomination founded in that city. He subsequently preached in various parts of the West, finally locating in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was admitted to the bar, but never embarked in the practice of law. In 1887, Rev. Day came to Pennsylvania and located at Homestead, Allegheny County, for two years, then moved to Monongahela City, where he resided four years, and is now living in retirement in Huntingdon County, Pa., having built a church at Saxony. He was united in marriage with Lydia Margaret Cort, who was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, and of their union were born the following children: Ida, married H. C. Suttman; Edith, is the wife of Edward Sheriff; Clara, married John Buckley, both are deceased; Ella, married A. H. Findlay; Ruth, married Fred Hague; Anna (Mrs. W. O. Seconover); Alanson Ritner; Flora (Mrs. Joseph B. Searle); and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Day passed out of this life in Monongahela in 1901, at the age of sixty-five years.

Alanson Ritner Day, the subject of this sketch, spent his early boyhood days in the West with his parents, and when about fifteen years of age came to Washington County, where he lived with his parents on a farm in Carroll Township. After graduating from the Homestead high school, he entered the Pittsburg Academy, where he spent two years, then returned to the farm for a period of four years, after which he came to Monongahela City, where he engaged in contract painting and decorating. In politics, he is a Republican and was elected alderman of the Second Ward, Monongahela City, by that party in 1907. He is fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F. and the B. P. O. E.

On April 3, 1895, Mr. Day was united in marriage with Nannie D. Collins, who was born and reared in Monongahela City and is a daughter of Frank and Mary Jane (Brown) Collins, old settlers of Monongahela City. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Day: Theo and Alanson, twins; Luther Allen; Ruth; Howard; Dorothy; and Eleanor. Mr. Day and his family reside in a commodious residence at No. 126 Chess street.

NICHOLAS S. VEATCH, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of California, who has been en-



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gaged in the practice of his profession since March 18, 1869, was born on a farm in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., October 25, 1846, and is a son of William David and Elizabeth (Jackman) Veatch. The father of our subject was born at Leesburg, Va., and died September 1, 1890, at California. During his early days he engaged in shunning. Later he was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Nicholas S. Veatch was reared on the farm near California, attended the common schools, and Johnson's Academy, which was afterwards known as the Normal School at California, after which he began reading medicine with Dr. O. A. Hunter at California. He subsequently graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, with the class of 1873, and has since been located at California, where he has been highly successful in the practice of his profession. Dr. Veatch is a stockholder in the People's Bank at California. Fraternally he is a Mason, and is past master of the Blue Lodge at California, past eminent of the Commandery and a member of the Shrine.

S. A. McCALMONT, whose valuable farm of 170 acres is situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm, June 9, 1857. His father was Alexander McCalmont, his grandfather was John and his great-grandfather was William McCalmont, all men of sterling character, early settlers in several sections and useful to the communities in which they found homes.

The grandfather, John McCalmont, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and from there he came on horseback to Washington County, and in the fall of 1806 bought the farm which his grandson now owns, the latter of whom possesses the sheepskin deed. John McCalmont died on what is known as the John H. McCalmont farm and he was buried at Hickory, where he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Alexander McCalmont, father of S. A., was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, March 28, 1821. He attended the old-time subscription schools, these being the best that the parents of that day could provide for their children, and he grew up an intelligent young man and later became a very well informed one. He also was a capable business man, did much in the way of dealing in wool and in raising sheep and was known all over the county. He was held in high regard in his own township, where he served in all the offices except that of justice of the peace. At the time of death he owned 270 acres in Mt. Pleasant Township. He married Mary Allison, a daughter of Samuel Allison, and they had the following children born to them: Mary E. (White), John, Agnes, Margaret (Lindsey), Samuel Alli-

son and James A., twins, Cora B. (Conner), Ira Alma (McBarney), Lilly (Lane), Emma J. (Manson), Maude (McCabe), and Abraham Lincoln. The oldest of the family, Mary E. White is the only one deceased, her death occurring at the age of fifty-nine years, and during her life-time no member of this large family had passed away. In 1888, Alexander McCalmont retired from agricultural pursuits and with his wife moved to West Middletown, where his death occurred August 31, 1896. She survived until January 22, 1904. She was born August 26, 1828, in Beaver County, Pa. They were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory.

S. A. McCalmont attended the Rankin District school and then turned his attention to farm pursuits, and during his father's lifetime assisted in caring for about 300 head of sheep annually. He has always resided on the homestead and after his marriage when he came into possession, he did considerable improving, although the only building that had to be erected was a new residence, which is a commodious and comfortable one, which was built in 1904. Mr. McCalmont now keeps about 125 sheep over winter, these being very choice in quality, of the American Merino breed, and he also has a fine herd of both Holstein and Jersey cattle and sells about 900 gallons of milk a month. About ten acres of the farm has never yet been cleared and he has a large tract of valuable timber, but the coal has been sold to the Pittsburgh Coal Company and no test has ever been made for oil or gas. Nevertheless, aside from these possible sources of income, the farm is an unusually valuable one. Mr. McCalmont is a practical business man and his good judgment is shown in the success he meets with in his undertakings.

On May 17, 1888, Mr. McCalmont was married to Miss Elizabeth McCarrell, a daughter of Leman McCarrell. Mrs. McCalmont died April 20, 1909. She was buried at the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church at Hickory, of which she had been a devout member since 1888. To Mr. and Mrs. McCalmont seven children were born, namely: Leman A., Ellen W., Samuel Lodowick, Mary Elizabeth, Florence Miller, Donaldson McCarrell, and Allison Proudfoot.

Mr. McCalmont is a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant Township and served several years as a trustee. In politics he is a Republican, and he served six years as school director.

WILLIAM MADGWICK, notary public and formerly justice of the peace at McDonald, is engaged in handling his own large real estate interests and also conducts a fire insurance business. He was born in England, April 8, 1846, and is a son of James and Ann (Wilds) Madgwick, and a grandson of William Madgwick.

The parents of Mr. Madgwick were natives of England. His father died when he was three years old, leaving two children: William and Annie, the latter of whom married James Elliott and is now deceased. The mother contracted a second marriage, with William A. Cole, who is now deceased, and one son, James A. Cole, was born to that union. Mrs. Cole still survives, being now in her eighty-fourth year, and resides at Oakdale, Pa., with her son James A. Cole.

William Madgwick attended the English public schools until he was fourteen years of age. Being fatherless, he was obliged to take care of himself and thus drifted into the English navy, which proved a hard life for the youth, but he endured it for six years and then, while his ship was at an Australian port, he ran away. He made his way to the Australian gold fields, where he worked for four years and then homesickness led him back to England. After a visit of six months he decided to come to the United States and after reaching Steubenville, Ohio, in 1870, he worked on the railroad for a year, then came on to Burgetstown in Washington County, at the same work, and in 1872, came to McDonald. Here he went into coal mining and for twenty years he was engaged in that industry and acquired property and independence. Although he had such meager advantages in his youth, Mr. Madgwick had natural talents, and his many years of adventure broadened his mind and gave him a clearer outlook on life than years of collegiate instruction might have done. He learned to understand men and after he had become a settled citizen at McDonald, went into politics and since then has been almost continuously in office, serving his fellow citizens so efficiently and honestly that they willingly acknowledge his leadership. He is a Republican in his political views and he has been justice of the peace, tax collector and assessor, and for seven years has been borough treasurer.

On July 16, 1871, Mr. Madgwick was married to Miss Elizabeth Judd, a daughter of Edward and Sarah Judd, both of whom died in England. Mr. and Mrs. Madgwick have had the following children: Minnie, who is the wife of Frank B. Atkinson; Elizabeth, who is now deceased; Cora Ann, who is the wife of John Holmes; and William A., Edward J. and Clara, the last named being now deceased. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Madgwick is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at McDonald.

WILLIAM S. NICODEMUS, cashier of the First National Bank, and one of the enterprising citizens of California, Pa., was born December 31, 1849, at Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa., and is a son of J. S. and Elizabeth (Spang) Nicodemus, who were prominent farmers of Blair County.

William S. Nicodemus was reared on a farm near Mar-

tinsburg, and when seventeen years of age became a clerk in the bank of William M. Lyold & Company, of Altoona, Pa., and four years later went to Salina, Kas., where he was cashier in the bank of John Geis & Company for ten months, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, and accepted a position as cashier in the Farmers' and Miners' Deposit Bank at Irwin, Westmoreland County. Three months later he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company with which he continued for one year, then served as cashier of the Martinsburg Deposit Bank until November, 1900, when he came to California, where he has since been cashier of the First National Bank.

Mr. Nicodemus was first united in marriage with Emma L. Ochs, who died leaving two children: Warren Edgar, who is a resident of Oil City, Pa., is married and has one son, Thomas Edgar; and Emma, who lives in New York City, and is a graduate nurse of one of the New York hospitals. Mr. Nicodemus formed a second union with Alice M. Lytle. Mr. Nicodemus is affiliated with the Masonic order, and is a man who stands very high in his community.

NICHOLAS PEES, justice of the peace in East Finley Township, serving in his thirty-third year in this responsible office, is one of the best known men and most valued citizens in this part of Washington County. He belongs to an old and respected county family and was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., on what was known as Rich Hill, in 1835, and his parents were John and Sarah (Grey) Pees.

The great-grandfather, Nicholas Pees, came to North Strabane Township, from east of the Allegheny Mountains, about 1763 and he built the old mill at Wyland Station which was known as Pees mill and attracted custom from a distance of twenty miles or more.

Andrew Pees, the grandfather and a son of Nicholas, was about ten years old when he accompanied his parents to Washington County. They settled in 1773 on the farm in North Strabane Township which is now owned by John Berry. Andrew Pees served in the early Indian wars on the border and was with Colonel Crawford at Sandusky.

John Pees, father of Nicholas and son of Andrew, was born in Washington County, Pa., near Eighty-four, in 1788, and died in October, 1858. He followed farming throughout his entire life. In 1813 he was married to Sarah Grey, who was born near Belfast, Ireland, and was in her infancy when her parents came to America and eventually settled in Washington County. To John and Sarah Pees the following children were born: Mary, who died at the age of ten years; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of William Moser, of Washington County; Elizabeth, who is deceased; John, Andrew, James L. and George, all deceased, the first named dying

in April, 1909; and Nicholas, the only survivor. The mother died in 1868, having survived her husband for ten years, and their burial was in the Claysville Cemetery.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Pees never enjoyed more than eight months of school attendance in his life, Washington County can boast of few men who possess a more practical education or have a deeper fund of real knowledge to call upon. He spent many a long winter evening over books he purchased himself and thoroughly mastered their contents without assistance. He thus came to understand the laws of grammar and mathematics, extending his studies even into the difficult perplexities of algebra, geometry, trigonometry and surveying, and it is no uncommon occurrence at the present time for surveyors to bring their notes to him to have him make their calculations, relying entirely on his unflinching accuracy. He also frequently proves his neighborliness by computing interest on straightening out accounts for those not competent to do it for themselves.

The first work that Mr. Pees ever did was farming for his father and he has continued to be interested in all branches of agriculture up to the present time, including sheep raising. By 1850, he and his brothers had accumulated \$800, and with that capital they came from North Strabane Township to East Finley Township and purchased 150 acres of land. To this they later added an adjoining farm and still later a third farm, all of which, 360 acres, now belongs to Mr. Pees, he being the only survivor. It is all valuable, well improved land.

Mr. Pees is a Jeffersonian Democrat and has always rendered support to the Democratic party. He has been shown much respect, esteem and confidence in East Finley Township, having been elected to numerous offices and he has also been called to Erie, Pa., to serve on the U. S. Jury. He recalls distinctly so many events of both a local and public nature, that a visit to either his comfortable home or his office, makes a lasting impression, for he is a very entertaining conversationalist. He remembers many incidents of the Mexican War and anecdotes of the campaign which resulted in the election of Hon. James K. Polk, to the office of President of the United States. He can tell of the days when the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was not even projected and farmers in this section sold their produce and stock to traveling dealers, their eggs bringing four cents a dozen and at one time wheat sold for forty-eight cents a bushel. Those were the days when drovers took their stock over the highways on foot from western Pennsylvania and Ohio to Philadelphia. In his boyhood game was yet plentiful in this section, and a dinner of rabbit, squirrel or partridge was not difficult to procure.

Mr. Pees was reared in the Presbyterian faith but since he reached maturity he has been identified with the

Methodist Episcopal Church and serves as trustee of the church at Stony Point. He has never married.

JOHN LISTON LANK, M. D., a prominent medical practitioner of Monongahela City, Pa., has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, and was born June 10, 1837, at Finleyville, Pa. He is a son of Dr. William Blockson Lank and his wife, Anna J. Lank, whose maiden name was Anna J. Dagne.

Dr. William Blockson Lank was a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and after graduating from the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, was engaged in the practice of medicine for a short time in Ohio. He then went south to New Orleans, La., where he followed his profession for some years, after which he returned to Ohio, practicing for a short time in Zanesville. About 1835 he settled in Finleyville, where he subsequently practiced medicine until the time of his death in 1880. He was first united in marriage at Zanesville, Ohio, with Anna Jane Dagne, and of their union were born seven children: John Liston, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, now deceased; William; and Augustus, Gertrude, Adelaide and Joseph, all four deceased. The mother of the above family died shortly after their removal to Finleyville, Pa., and the father subsequently married the widow of Maj. Robert Love.

Dr. John L. Lank was reared at Finleyville and early in life began the study of medicine with his father, subsequently graduating, in 1870, from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He first embarked in the practice of medicine at Finleyville with his father, after whose death he continued there until 1900, when he came to Monongahela City and purchased his present residence, located at No. 814 Main street. Here he has won the confidence and esteem of the public, has established an extensive practice and has formed many pleasant friendships. Dr. Lank owns the old farm of eighty-six acres near Finleyville. In November, 1881, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Darr, who died in 1893, leaving one daughter, Gertrude. Dr. Lank is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

BYRON CLARK, M. D., deceased, for many years was a well known physician and prominent citizen of Washington, Pa., and almost his entire life, one unusually full of activity and beneficence, was spent in Washington County. He was born at Millsboro, Pa., January 17, 1837, and died at his home, No. 715 East Maiden street, Washington, August 5, 1909. His parents were Nathaniel and Edith (Biddle) Clark.

Dr. Clark took justifiable pride in his ancestry, being connected on the maternal side with the Biddles of New Jersey and the Taylors of Maryland, both families of distinction in their respective states. The Clark family

also belonged to New Jersey, and the father of Dr. Clark was a grand-nephew of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In 1809, the grandfather of Dr. Clark removed from Mercer County, N. J., to Washington County, Pa., and settled in Amwell Township. His children were born and grew up there although his own life was shortened by the hardships attendant upon pioneer conditions. His eldest son, Nathaniel Clark, married Edith Biddle, and Byron was the eldest born of their four children. Nathaniel Clark was well known in Washington and Greene counties.

Byron Clark attended school at Carmichaels, being a student at Greene Academy, and later took a partial course at Waynesburg College, not remaining to complete it there before accepting a position of teacher in the higher grades of the public schools of Pekin, Ill. There he began his serious study of medicine, with a local practitioner, and from there went to Cleveland, Ohio. He was dependent upon his own resources and through a competitive examination he secured a very helpful position, that of assistant in the Charity Hospital of Cleveland, and was thus enabled to attend lectures at the Western Reserve Medical College. In the spring of 1859 he returned to his father's home and shortly afterward associated himself with Dr. J. W. Alexander in the practice of medicine at what is now known as Scenery Hill, Washington County. In the spring of 1873 he came to Washington. He was an enthusiast in his profession and continued his scientific studies for years afterward. He took special work in biology and chemistry in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and at the same time attended lectures in the medical department of the University of Maryland and also the College of Physicians and Surgeons and graduated from both institutions. In 1882 he became professor of theory and practice of medicine in the Eclectic Medical College of New York City and continued that effort until failing health made the trip to New York from his home, too great a tax on his strength. He handled a large practice at Washington for many years, retiring from the field about 1900, after which he lived in comparative retirement, finding a measure of enjoyment, however, in looking after the improvements he had under way on his various properties.

In 1861, Dr. Clark was married to Miss Lucy M. Letherman, a daughter of John Letherman, formerly a prominent farmer of West Bethlehem Township. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Clark, two sons and one daughter, the latter of whom died in 1883. The elder son, Dr. Homer Clark, resides with his mother on East Maiden street. The younger son, John B. Clark, is assistant solicitor for the Title, Guarantee & Trust Company, of New York City. Dr. Clark was a staunch Republican. He was a man of high personal integrity and

was charitable to an unusual degree and in a practical way.

JOSEPH D. McNARY, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Washington, Pa., was born January 28, 1836, on the home farm in North Strabane Township, and is a son of David and Janet (Edgar) McNary, and a grandson of Thomas McNary.

David McNary was born in 1771 in Chaneeford Township, York County, Pa., and when about fourteen years of age came with his father to North Strabane Township, where he was reared, and in 1816 he married Janet Edgar, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1792. She emigrated to this country in 1798, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, which required twenty-one weeks, and encountered many severe storms, the voyagers were twice compelled to return to land for repairs on the vessel. Her parents first located in New York, where they lived a few years, when they moved west to Washington County, Pa., and located two miles south of Canonsburg on a farm in North Strabane Township. Mr. McNary was a Whig in politics, and was religiously identified with the Christian Seeders Church.

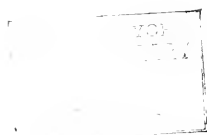
Joseph D. McNary was reared on his father's farm south of Canonsburg and attended the subscription schools of that locality, in 1854 entering Jefferson College at Canonsburg where he continued until the summer of 1856. On April 1, 1857, he located on a farm two miles north of Washington in South Strabane Township, it having been inherited from his father, and in August, 1868, purchased from the heirs of the Matthew McNary estate, a tract of sixty-six acres adjoining him, where he followed farming and stock raising until 1892, when he purchased his present home at No. 297 Locust avenue, Washington, where he has lived in retirement since March 17, 1892.

In February, 1857, Mr. McNary married Mary Wallace Caldwell, who was born December 6, 1835, in Ohio County, W. Va., and died of pneumonia, January 23, 1896. Of their union were born the following children: Lizzie Jane, who was thrown from a horse and killed; James Luther, a farmer operating in the oil fields of West Virginia; Martha Ellen, the widow of Dr. E. M. Cundall, lives with our subject; Clara Viola, married Rowley M. Cook, of Washington, Pa.; John Ralph, of Washington; Thomas Harry, a jeweler, is president of the Board of Trade of Washington; and Mary Josephine, who is bookkeeper for her brother, Thomas Harry.

Mr. McNary is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, with which he has been identified since 1857, and on January 28, 1864, was ordained and installed an elder, in which capacity he still continues to serve. In local politics Mr. McNary is not a partisan, but in national questions he is always identified with the Repub-



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lican party. He was elected a member of the board of education of South Strabane Township in 1871, in which office he has continued for thirty-seven years, first in that township, afterwards in the borough of Washington. Mr. McNary is a director in the Union Trust Company of Washington and is also interested in other enterprises of this locality. He was married (second) February 5, 1907, to Mrs. Phoebe D. Liggitt, who was born at Northwood, Logan Co., Ohio.

EDWIN McKAY, M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Charleroi, Pa., who has been identified with the medical profession here since April, 1904, was born in Nova Scotia, April 20, 1874, and is a son of Alexander and Sarah (Collie) McKay.

Dr. McKay was about six years old when his parents came to Pennsylvania and located in Jefferson County, where he was reared on a farm and attended the district schools. After a three-year preparatory course at the Ohio Northern University at Ada, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., in 1897, and graduated in the spring of 1901. He first engaged in the practice of medicine at Punxsutawney, Pa., where he was highly successful, and in April, 1904, came to Charleroi, where he has won the confidence and esteem of the public and enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice. He is secretary of the Board of Health and is a member of the American Medical Association, and the State and county medical societies.

Dr. McKay married Belle E. Jenks, who is a daughter of John G. Jenks, of Jefferson County, and of their union have been born three children: Olive Collie; Edwin Jenks and Ronald Alexander. Dr. McKay and family reside in a comfortable home on Washington avenue. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally he is a Mason.

JOHN F. PHILIPS, a progressive and enterprising young business man of McDonald, who is owner and proprietor of a grain, feed and flour store, and dealing also in hay and straw, was born in Allegheny County, Pa., August 9, 1888, and is a son of Elmer E. and Mary A. (Kennedy) Philips, and a grandson of John F. and Myra (Kennedy) Philips.

Mr. Philips had some experience in his present line of business prior to coming to McDonald, as his father conducted a similar trade at Bridgeville for twenty-two years. The latter's family consisted of four children: Myra, who married Lawrence Fife; and John F., Edna and Grace.

John F. Philips attended the public schools in Allegheny County, the High School at St. Cloud, Minn., and then took a course in shorthand and bookkeeping in a commercial school at Pittsburg, Pa., after which he

worked for his father for three years, coming then to McDonald and establishing his present business on April 15, 1909.

On November 4, 1907, Mr. Philips was married to Miss Anna M. Gerhold, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Edwards) Gerhold. Mr. Gerhold is a farmer in Allegheny County. To Mr. and Mrs. Philips a son was born on February 17, 1909, which bears the name of William Gerhold Philips. In politics, Mr. Philips is a Republican. With his wife he belongs to the Presbyterian Church at Bethel, Pa.

JOHN M. MILLER, deceased, was long one of Mt. Pleasant Township's prominent citizens and honorable and valued business men. He was born in Washington County, Pa., March 18, 1842, and was a son of Thomas and Catherine (Shaw) Miller.

The Miller family was founded in Pennsylvania in 1784-5 by James Miller, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, who settled first in Chester County, but soon pushed on to the western part of the State and secured a patent for more than 1,000 acres of land in the wilderness of Washington County. A part of this land, lying in Mt. Pleasant and Chartiers Townships, is still owned by his descendants. In 1811 Thomas Miller followed his brother from Ireland to Washington County, and in 1812 he purchased the tract named Peace and Plenty, in the patent he secured, and this farm became the Miller homestead. The children of Thomas Miller bore the following names: Thomas, Andrew, Margaret, Sarah and Mary.

Thomas Miller (2), son of Thomas and father of the late John M. Miller, inherited the homestead. He was thrice married and to his third union the following children were born: Thomas, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, Mary, Catherine and John M.

John M. Miller attended the district schools until fourteen years of age and then entered Elder's Ridge Academy, where he prepared for Jefferson College at Canonsburg, and was graduated from the latter institution in the Class of 1861. It was his purpose to pursue the study of law in Philadelphia, but circumstances caused a change in his plans and he returned to the homestead, where for many years he successfully carried on farming and stock raising. He had a national reputation as a breeder of North Devon cattle and high grade sheep, and at the time of his death, was president of the Spanish Merino Sheep Breeders' Association. He was also a member of the State Board of Agriculture and of the Western Pennsylvania Agricultural Association. His fine personal appearance and genial manner brought him admiration and friendship and his high standards of business honor increased the esteem in which he was held. He was a Democrat in his political

sentiments and for some years he served in the office of justice of the peace. His death resulted from an attack of apoplexy, May 14, 1888.

On September 13, 1866, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Agnes White, a daughter of W. S. White, of Canonsburg, and they became the parents of three sons and two daughters.

JOHN C. LAING, owner of the "fastest growing store in Donora," and one of the leading business men of that town, was born in Scotland January 28, 1860, a son of Dugal and Jeanette (Thompson) Laing, both of whom were born and reared in Scotland and died in McDonald, Pa.

John C. Laing remained under the parental roof in his native country until nineteen years of age, when he came to the United States, the family following him here some time later. He first located at Coal City, Ill., on a farm, but subsequently went to Michigan, later to Ohio and finally to Indian Territory, where he received serious injuries in an accident in the mines. In 1883 he came to Washington County, Pa., engaging in the grocery business at McDonald for ten years, when he sold out and went to Charleroi, where he operated the "New York Grocery" until the fall of 1901. In this year he came to Donora and embarked in the dry goods business on Fifth street, building up such an extensive trade that he was soon compelled to remove to larger quarters in the Bank of Donora building, in which he remained until 1909, and then erected a fine three-story brick business block at McKean avenue and Fifth street. Here he carries a complete line of dry goods, notions and ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings.

Mr. Laing was married February 8, 1884, to Susan Thompson, who was also born in Scotland, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Thompson, who located at McDonald, Pa. One son, John C., Jr., has been born to this union. He attended Grove City College and is now putting younger blood into his father's business interests.

Mr. Laing is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. of Coalgate, Okla., and the Knights of Malta and the Heptasophs of Donora, and is well known and highly esteemed among the Scotch residents of the Monongahela Valley.

LEROY BEDSWORTH, proprietor of one of the leading tailoring establishments of Charleroi, Pa., was born December 15, 1854, in Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Samuel and Rachel (Beazell) Bedsworth. The father of our subject was a boat-builder and brick-maker by trade, but during his later years was engaged in farming near Belle Vernon, Pa., and died in February, 1905, at the age of eighty-two years.

The mother died in August, 1902, aged seventy-five years.

LeRoy Bedsworth was reared on his father's farm near Belle Vernon and attended the district schools of Westmoreland County, where he subsequently engaged in farming during his early manhood. He then engaged as lock-tender at Lock Four, from July, 1888, until September 30, 1892, after which he learned the tailoring business, and on March 15, 1894, came to Charleroi, where he first embarked in tailoring on Fifth street, where Piper's drug store is now located. One year later he removed to the Masonic Building, where he remained until November, 1896, when he removed to his present two-story brick business block at No. 407 McKean avenue, his residence being located on the second floor of same.

Mr. Bedsworth was united in marriage with Mary Channey, a daughter of Riley Channey, and a native of Fayette County, Pa. He is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E. and I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter member.

STEWART A. DAGUE, who owns a fine farm of 125 acres, which lies in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., is one of the representative men and substantial farmers of this section. He was born in Somerset Township, in 1869, and is a son of John A. and Melissa J. (Roberts) Dague.

The father of Stewart A. Dague, was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County. His occupation was farming and he carried on agricultural pursuits in East Finley Township for 25 years and his death occurred there. He served for three years as a soldier in the Federal Army during the Civil War. In politics he was a Republican and was frequently elected to office by his fellow citizens by whom he was very generally esteemed. He married Melissa J. Roberts, who is also deceased, and they both rest in the Fairmount Cemetery. Their children were as follows: Anna R., who is deceased; Stewart A.; Ella N., who married D. Wyland, of Strabane Township; David E., who lost his life in the Philippine Islands; Ollie, who lives in East Finley Township; Daniel, who resides in North Strabane Township; Lucy E., who resides with her eldest brother; and L. E., a stenographer, who lives at Washington, Pa.

Stewart A. Dague attended the district schools of West Finley Township until he was about eighteen years of age and then went to work on a farm by the month, four years later becoming a tenant farmer. He continued to rent land for seven years and then purchased a farm of eighty acres from the Alexander Montgomery estate and resided there for four years before disposing of it. After that transaction, Mr. Dague bought his present farm of 125 acres from the Hamilton Carrol



estate. There are few rural homes provided with the comforts and conveniences that he has installed in his residence. He made extensive improvements as soon as he came here and together with other buildings, added a porch and slate roof to the dwelling and introduced a modern system of hot and cold water throughout the whole building. In addition to general farming, Mr. Dague looks after the output from two valuable oil wells which bring him a fine revenue, one of these producing 100 barrels of oil a day for an entire year. He is a director and stockholder in the Farmers National Bank of Claysville. Mr. Dague is one of the township's men of ample means and for this condition he is indebted only to his own industry and good management, no particular good fortune having descended upon him except what he brought about himself.

In 1891, Mr. Dague was married to Miss Sallie A. Sprowls, a daughter of Simon and Jane (Wise) Sprowls, of East Finley Township. They have one daughter, Ruby F., who was born in 1901. Mr. Dague is recognized as a man of judgment and character by his fellow citizens as has been frequently shown when they have chosen him by their ballots for responsible township offices. He has served several times on the board of elections and at present is road supervisor.

THOMAS R. BELL, cashier of the West Alexander National Bank at West Alexander, Pa., is a man who gained an enviable reputation as an educator in Washington County before he became associated with this well known financial institution. He was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., April 5, 1870, and is a son of Zadoc L. and Martha (McKeen) Bell.

Zadoc L. Bell, who died in 1891, was long one of the leading men of East Finley Township, where he was born. His father, Samuel Bell, was an early settler in South Franklin Township, where he was both farmer and blacksmith. Zadoc L. Bell engaged in agricultural pursuits and became a man of ample fortune. He was a Democrat, of the old-time type, and frequently served with efficiency in the township offices to which his fellow citizens elected him.

Thomas R. Bell was reared in East Finley Township, attended the public schools and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, later attended the Pennsylvania State Normal School at California, following which he engaged in educational work for fully fourteen years. For seven years of this time he was principal of the West Alexander public schools and a portion of the time was principal of the High School. He became well and favorably known all over the county and his being cashier of the West Alexander National Bank, has added to his popularity. He accepted this position on August 1, 1904, and he enjoys the confidence and good will of the whole business community.

Mr. Bell was united in marriage November 5, 1896, with Miss Mary M. Trussell, a daughter of Charles H. Trussell, of South Franklin Township, and they have one son, Charles Howard, who was born November 11, 1904. Formerly, Mr. Bell served as secretary of the West Alexander Farmers' Fair Association, for two years, this organization being subsequently merged into the West Alexander Agricultural Association and he served three years as its treasurer. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at West Alexander, has served as trustee and church treasurer and is also superintendent of the Sabbath school. He is identified with the Masonic lodge at Claysville.

LEWIS W. MORGAN, one of the veteran business men of California, whose location here antedates the laying out of the town, was born at Waynesburg, Greene County, Pa., November 5, 1830, and is a son of William M. and Mary (Whitaker) Morgan.

Mr. Morgan was thirteen years old when he came first to Greenfield, now known as Coal Center, Washington County, and since 1851 has been a continuous resident of Coal Center and what is now the borough of California. He spent several years as clerk on different steamboats, mainly the old steamer Telegraph, on the Monongahela River, in his earlier business life and since then has been interested in the mercantile and coal business, formerly operating two mines, the last one under the firm name of Morgan & Dixon. He retired from the coal industry in 1889, but still continues his mercantile interests. In partnership with Solomon Sibbit, under the firm style of Morgan & Sibbit, he established the first general store in what is now California, and in every way, ever since, he has been identified with the development of the place. Upon the organization of the first board of trustees of the Southwestern State Normal School at California, he was elected president of the board, this honor being conferred June 5, 1864, and at different times since he has served as a member of this body.

Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Ann J. Gregg, a daughter of John R. Gregg. Mrs. Morgan died May 31, 1909. They had seven children born to them, three of whom are living: P. W., who is cashier of a bank at Wilmerding, Allegheny County; Elizabeth H. and A. T., who is a prominent attorney at Pittsburg. Mr. Morgan's residence is located on Third street, California. He is one of the older members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at this place, belonging to its official board. For fifty-three years he has been a Free Mason and is identified with the lodge at Coal Center. Few men are better acquainted with Washington County history than Mr. Morgan and he is frequently consulted

concerning reliable data. He is a valued member of the Century Literary Club of California, and every year since 1898 he has prepared and read a historical paper of great interest before this scholarly organization.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON TAYLOR, in former years an enterprising and successful business man of Washington County and one of its most respected citizens, was also a native son, born in South Strabane Township. His parents were Matthew and Nancy Jane (Hutchinson) Taylor. He was a grandson, on the paternal side, of Henry Taylor, who came to this county from Cecil County, Md., some time prior to 1750. Henry Taylor was the first judge or president of the courts of Washington County, being thus appointed by the chief executive council of Pennsylvania October 2, 1781, the county having been organized in the preceding March. He served with ability in this position for several years and after a brief interval, was reappointed in 1788. He had what was then known as a "tomahawk right" to over 1,200 acres of land in the Rich Hills, in this county, all of which, with the exception of the Matthew Taylor estate of South Strabane Township, has since passed out of the family. Judge Henry Taylor was also a general in the militia and his commission as such is still in the possession of the family. He married Jane White and they had eleven children. In the year 1800, this sturdy old pioneer, whose character was typical of the best manhood of the day, laid down the burden of life, his loss being mourned as that of a leader among the people among whom he had cast his lot.

Matthew Taylor, son of Henry and father of the late William H. H. Taylor, was born in South Strabane Township and it has been claimed for him that he was the first white child born west of the mountains, in Washington County. He became in time the owner of the parental homestead, on which he followed farming for the rest of his life. He also did considerable traveling through the county, which, on account of lack of easy conveyances and good roads, called for a large amount of exertion. Matthew Taylor married Nancy Hutchinson, a woman of firm will and strong character, in every way qualified to be the wife of a pioneer settler. She possessed a large share of thrift with her other admirable characteristics. Her vigor of body seems to have been equal to that of her mind and character, she attaining the venerable age of ninety-two years. To her children she left, as their best heritage, the imprint of her strong personality. To Matthew and Nancy Taylor were born eleven children, namely: Matthew, James, Thomas, George, William H. H., Polly, Sarah Jane, Eliza, Henry, Nancy and Rachel. Of these, the first five mentioned, died in Washington County. Polly became the wife of John McFarland. Sarah J. married Oliver Lindsay.

Eliza became Mrs. Van Eman. Henry was killed by a falling chimney at a fire in Washington. Nancy became the wife of Hugh Reynolds and Rachel married Workman Hughes.

William Henry Harrison Taylor, son of Matthew and Nancy Taylor, was born in 1830 and when old enough started to school, his mother looking carefully after the education of her offspring, always helping and encouraging them. He later attended Washington and Jefferson College for several years, after which he became interested in farming and continued his agricultural pursuits exclusive of all other business interests until 1866, when he moved to Washington. This change was made in order to give his children better educational advantages, but it also was an opening for him to go into a mercantile business. He formed a partnership with Robert Charlton in the general fresh and salt meat business, which included pork packing and stock buying. After the death of Mr. Charlton, Mr. Taylor carried on the business alone until his own decease, which took place February 9, 1884, from diabetes, from which he had suffered for some years, he being then in his fifty-fifth year. His remains were interred in the Washington Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor was married in 1850 to Miss Jane E. Jones, a daughter of Charles E. Jones, a well-known building contractor at Washington. Mr. Jones was born in England in 1799, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and where he married Sarah Judson. They came to America in 1827, settling in Washington, Pa., where Mr. Jones followed his trade and engaged also successfully in contracting. He and his wife had the following children, two of whom died in infancy: Mary, Sarah, Jane E., William, Susan, Sylvester F., James J. and George O. The last mentioned was formerly a member of the Washington County bar. The mother of Mrs. Taylor died in 1871, at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. Jones survived until January 11, 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of six children, of whom a brief record is as follows: Edward M., pastor of the Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church at Boston, Mass., was graduated in 1872 from Washington and Jefferson College, and afterward with first honors, at the Boston School of Divinity. He was on the circuit for a time before locating in Massachusetts. He married Miss Mary Bradford, a descendant of Gov. Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, who was one of the original passengers on the Mayflower. James Franklin, the second son, is now associate judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District of Ohio. Emma and Alice are both deceased, the latter dying when a little maid of eleven years. The older sister was the wife of John A. Hall, also deceased, who was postmaster and prominent citizen of Washington. William Nelson, the third son, is the





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senior member of the firm of Taylor & Speer, who are engaged in the iron commission business at Pittsburg. He married a daughter of Stephen Crump. Susan Jane, the youngest daughter, is the wife of Dr. J. C. Maurer. The mother of the above children still survives and is in the full enjoyment of all her faculties. She continues to occupy the old family residence at No. 59 West Wheeling street, Washington.

Mr. Taylor was a Republican in politics; but at no time was a seeker for office. However, he always took a strong interest in public affairs, and during the period of the Civil War, was very outspoken in favor of preserving the Union at all hazards. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a faithful and consistent member. He was prominently concerned in building the First M. E. Church at Washington, of which he was a trustee. He was also much interested in the cause of education and made it one of his principal objects to give his children the best educational advantages possible. His sons were all sent to college while his daughters received an excellent educational training in seminaries. At various times he held the office of school trustee. He was in all things honest and straight-forward, a hater of shams and deceit of every kind, and could never tolerate a lie. He was beloved by his family and a large circle of friends and they knew and appreciated the worth of his character.

ANTHONY KANE, a well known general merchant of Finleyville, Pa., who has been a resident of Washington County for the past thirty years was born September 19, 1858, in Ireland, and is a son of Owen and Mary (McAdams) Kane.

Anthony Kane is one of seven children born to his parents, both of whom died in England, namely: John; Robert; Ann, who is the wife of James Donnelly; Ellen, who is the wife of James Barry; Anthony; and Charles.

Anthony Kane was very young when the family removed to England, where he was reared. In 1880 he came to the United States and located in Washington County, Pa., where he worked some years in the coal mines. In 1892 he formed a partnership with William Kennedy, now deceased, with whom he operated a general store under the firm name of Kennedy & Kane until 1894, when he came to Finleyville and opened a small store which he conducted until July, 1903, when he removed to his present location, where he carries a full line of groceries, china, hams, etc.

Mr. Kane is a Democrat in politics, and is fraternally a member of the A. O. H. of Monongahela City. Mr. Kane was married in April, 1880, to Margaret Burke, who was born in England and is a daughter of Bartholomew and Mary (Madden) Burke, both of whom died

in England. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Kane spent four months visiting friends and relatives in England.

ALEXANDER B. COCHRAN, justice of the peace at McDonald, Pa., and president of the borough Council, carries on a successful business in the line of real estate and insurance. He was born in Scotland, February 24, 1866. His parents were Robert and Susan (Bell) Cochran.

The parents of Mr. Cochran came to America in 1879. They are both now deceased. They were most worthy people, members of the United Presbyterian Church, and their burial was in the Robeson Run Cemetery. Their family contained nine children, as follows: Anna, who married Andrew McWilliams, is a widow and lives at Braddock, Pa.; Gilbert; Alexander B.; Robert, who is now deceased; John; William; James; Susannah, who married Thomas Graham; and Adam, who is chief of the police force at McDonald.

Alexander B. Cochran was thirteen years old when he accompanied his parents to America and he had already completed his school attendance by several years, having become a coal miner when only eleven years of age. He had many years of experience in this dangerous and exhausting work, continuing to mine all his life until within the past ten years. He then embarked in the insurance and real estate line and has shown exceptional ability as a business man. This faculty has made him valuable as a member of the borough Council, and when his present term expires, he will have served continuously for twelve years. For ten years he has acceptably and satisfactorily filled the office of justice of the peace and during this time has many times adjusted cases of the greatest importance, thereby saving individuals a large amount of expense.

In December, 1889, Mr. Cochran was married to Miss Charlotte Carson, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Bell) Carson, who came from Ireland. Mrs. Cochran is the youngest member of her parents' family, the others being: Elizabeth, who married Henry Smith, who is proprietor of a hotel in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County; Robert; John; Samuel; William; Matilda, who married Robert J. Cook, who is a justice of the peace at McDonald; Mary Ann, who married G. M. Couch; and Margaret, who married James Querns.

To Judge and Mrs. Cochran the following children have been born, all of whom reside at home, a happy, united family: Susan, Jane, Robert, Matilda, Anna, Georgiana, Emma, Charlotte and Laura. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In politics he is a Democrat, but in the exercises of his judicial powers, Mr. Cochran knows no political bias. For a number of years he has been identified with McDonald Lodge No. 605, Odd Fellows.

**JAMES P. McCALMONT.** John McCalmont, the grandfather of James P. McCalmont, was born in Lancaster County in 1781. His father had immigrated from Ireland early in life, located for a time in Lancaster County, Pa., served in the Revolutionary War and finally settled on land in Mt. Pleasant Township. A number of his descendants reside in that township. James McCalmont, the eldest son of John, located on a farm in Robinson Township adjoining the village of Candor on the west. He was married to Sarah McBurney and the children born to them were Mary, Elizabeth, John, James P., Sarah, David, Robert, Esther and Kate. James McCalmont was for many years a justice of the peace, and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown from 1839 to 1864, and from 1864 to 1891 was an elder of the church at Center, (now Midway).

James Prouditt McCalmont, second son of said James McCalmont, was born in Robinson Township on the homestead farm, on November 18, 1842, and on August 22, 1867, married Catherine McFarland, daughter of Samuel McFarland, of Bulger. Of their six children Luella died unmarried; Jennie intermarried with Wylie Fulton, both of whom are now dead; Samuel married Catherine McNary and now resides in Burgettstown; Joseph M., pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Connoquenessing was married to Anne Park; John E. is a member of the Pittsburg bar; and Robert intermarried with Ida Gardner and resides in Hanover Township.

After his marriage, James P. McCalmont resided for a time in Mt. Pleasant Township and near McDonald in Allegheny County, but removed to his own farm in Hanover Township in the year 1875, where he made his permanent home. He is a Republican in his politics and has been for many years a member and elder in the United Presbyterian Church, formerly at Center, and since 1875 in the United Presbyterian Congregation at Paris.

**WILLIAM R. GAUT,** who for the past two years has been proprietor of the Hotel Walfred, which is one of the leading hotels of Charleroi, Pa., was born June 23, 1866, on a farm in North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., and is a son of John and Kezia N. (Robbins) Gaut.

William R. Gaut was reared on his father's farm, attended the district schools, and in 1888, after his marriage, located at Greensburg, Pa., and engaged in civil engineering with a contracting firm in railroad work, at which he continued until about 1904, when he came to Charleroi, Pa., and for two years afterward ran the Hotel Charleroi, which he later disposed of and since 1907 has been owner and manager of the Hotel Walfred,

which is one of the modern and most extensively patronized hotels of Charleroi.

Mr. Gaut was married to Mabel Gray, of McKeesport, Pa., and they have four children; Carrol S., William Gray, John R. and Mabel C. He holds membership with the B. P. O. E., the Eagles and the Masons.

**ALBERT BRYSON FRYE,** a leading citizen of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., successful farmer and large milk shipper, owns 110 acres of well improved land, situated two miles west of Hickory. He was born at Davenport, Iowa, February 1, 1855, and is a son of Thomas and Eliza (Alumn) Frye.

Thomas Frye was a native of Ohio, and when a young man located in Greene County, Pa. Shortly after marriage he went to Davenport, Iowa, where he owned a farm which now lies within the corporate limits of the city. He remained there but a few years and then went to Rich Hill Township, where the rest of his active life was spent. Mrs. Frye was a native of Greene County, and was a daughter of Charles Alumn, who was a man of wealth and a large land owner. He was of an early family there, and prior to the advent of railroads drove six-horse teams over the mountains to Cumberland, Md. The family of Thomas and Eliza (Alumn) Frye was a large one, there being eleven children, of whom three sons and four daughters are living. The family was as follows: Jane (Phillips), who is deceased; Albert Bryson; Mary (Miller), who is deceased; Martha (Ealy), who is residing in Rich Hill Township, Greene County, Pa.; William, who died in infancy; Charles, who lives in Rich Hill Township; Louise (Armstrong), who lives in Washington, Pa.; Lucy (Sprowls), who is deceased; and Minnie (Reedy), Cora (Porter) and John Iams, all of whom reside in Washington, Pa. Thomas Frye died in Washington, Pa., in October, 1894, his burial being in the Eno Cemetery. His widow resides in Washington, being now in her seventy-sixth year. In politics, Mr. Frye is a Democrat. The family was reared in the Baptist faith.

Albert Bryson Frye obtained his education in the schools of Greene County and then went to farming and continued in Greene County three years after his marriage. When he came to Washington County he first rented a farm near Claysville, which he operated for three years and then lived for one year on a rented farm near Lone Pine, moving from there to the Manifold farm at Meadowland, for one year, later rented C. M. Reed's farm for one year, and then settled on the farm of Miss J. Mary Clark, where he remained for nine years. After this long experience in different sections, Mr. Frye decided that a farm in Washington County would be a satisfactory one to own, and he bought his

present property from Alexander B. Miller. In a short time the place took on a fresh appearance, a new addition being made to the house and plenty of paint being applied to the other buildings, while a large silo was also constructed, Mr. Frye being a progressive and up-to-date farmer. He keeps twenty head of cows for dairy purposes and ships sixty gallons of milk to Pittsburg daily. He has other stock, but no sheep. The coal under his land has never been sold. He is not only a very intelligent and enterprising agriculturist, but he is also an active and interested citizen in matters pertaining to the welfare of his township and is particularly concerned in the matter of education. He has been a lifelong Democrat, but has been too busy to accept public office, although especially qualified for the same.

Mr. Frye was married June 16, 1877, to Miss Anna Mary Gilmore, a daughter of John Gilmore, who was born in Ireland. They have had the following family of children born to them: Thomas Lee, John R., James J., Albert B., Myrtle, William, Elsie, Albert Floyd, Rosa, Herbert, Mabel, Edward and Lena. Of the above family all survive except William and Albert B. Albert F. married Viola Sloop and lives in Mt. Pleasant Township, having a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth; Myrtle married Charles McCullough, and they have three children, Charles, James and a daughter not yet named; Elsie married Herbert Myers; and Rosa married William Jones. The others reside at home. Mr. Frye and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

**WILLIAM THOMAS SAMPSON**, a prosperous farmer of Carroll Township, and owner of 308 acres of land located in Carroll and Fallowfield Townships, also deals extensively in cattle, and was born January 22, 1844, on the old home farm in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa., a son of James and Mary (Grant) Sampson.

James Sampson was born February 6, 1806, in Westmoreland County, Pa., where his father, William Sampson, settled at an early period and in 1810 came to Washington County with his parents who settled in the horseshoe of Carroll Township. Here he was reared and subsequently came into possession of the home farm, on which he carried on farming during the most of his life, his death occurring at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. R. Tuman, in 1894. He married Mary Grant, who died in 1888 and to them were born the following children: Harriet, who is the widow of Joseph Tuman; William Thomas, our subject; Mary, who is the wife of Capt. George W. Jenkins; Jennie, who married T. J. Weddell; Harvey James; John G.; and Ada, who is the wife of Charles Dallas.

William T. Sampson was reared in a log house on his father's farm in Carroll Township, and attended a pri-

vate school, where he sat on slab benches without backs, for several months each year. In 1868 he came to his present farm, which he cultivated for his father, who was a cattle dealer, devoting the greater part of his time to that business. Mr. Sampson also deals extensively in cattle in connection with general farming.

On May 23, 1876, Mr. Sampson was married to Lucretia Welsh, who was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and is a daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Bell) Welsh, and of their union were born the following children: Mary Bell; Sarah Jane, who married Don Gibson, has two children, Lula May and Clyde LeRoy; John, who married Nancy Moore, and has one child, Mildred Louise; Lucretia Virginia and William Keys. Mr. Sampson holds membership with the Presbyterian Church and is politically identified with the Republican party, having served his township as supervisor.

**ROBERT A. FORSYTHE**, a member of the well-known firm, Forsythe Brothers, who conduct a livery, feed and sales stable in connection with a general contracting business at Finleyville, Pa., was born June 1, 1865, on the farm at Mingo, Union Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Robert and Jean (Huston) Forsythe.

Robert Forsythe, Sr., was born in Ireland, where he spent his boyhood, came to America at the age of twenty years, and first located for a short time at Pittsburg, but later settled on a farm near Mingo in Union Township, Washington County, where he followed farming until the time of his death in 1903, when aged eighty-three years. He married Jean Huston, who was born in Scotland, where she grew to womanhood, then came to this country and died in 1905 at the age of seventy-three years. Seven children were born to Robert and Jean Forsythe: John S.; Flora; Andrew; Ella, who is principal of the Finleyville public schools; Margaret, deceased; Robert A.; and Charles.

Robert A. Forsythe grew to manhood on the farm, attended the township schools and followed farming until 1897, when he came to Finleyville, where he and his brother Charles owned a one-third interest in a planing mill operated by the Jones Brothers. Six years later the mill was sold to the Finleyville Planing Mill Company and in 1902 he and his brothers established their present livery, feed and sales stable. Our subject has charge of the sales department, John superintends the contract end of the business, Charles is the horse buyer, while Andrew is a cattle buyer, and the office and stables are located at Finleyville. Mr. Forsythe is the owner of other residence property in Finleyville, besides his fine home, which was erected in 1901 on the corner of Lincoln and Highland avenues. He is politically a Republican, is a mem-

ber of the school board and was elected treasurer of Finleyville in 1904.

Robert Forsythe was united in marriage June 10, 1897, with Rosalee K. Peterson, who is a daughter of William Peterson, of Elizabeth, Pa., and they have one child, Jean.

JOSEPH J. HAUBE, one of the leading florists of Charleroi, Pa., who has been engaged in this business here since 1899, conducts a retail store at No. 428 Fallowfield avenue, while his green-houses are located at his residence at No. 915 Fallowfield avenue. He was born May 10, 1875, in Belgium, a son of Victor and Amelia (Huet) Haube, the former of whom was a glass worker by trade and died at Tarentum, Pa., in 1905. The mother is still living and resides on a farm at Twilight, Washington County, Pa.

Joseph J. Haube attended the schools of his native country until eleven years of age, when he came to America with his parents, who settled at McDonald, Washington County, Pa., where his father began working in the mines. At an early age Joseph J. also went to work in the mines and obtained his education by attending night school. In 1899 the family removed to Tarentum, Pa., where he and his father worked for some time in the glass works. Mr. Haube came to Charleroi as a clerk for the Pittsburg Glass Works, and established in 1899, his present floral establishment, which he operated in connection with his clerical duties until 1905, when he resigned his clerkship with the glass works, and has since devoted his entire time to the green-houses and retail stores. He also ran a retail store at Monessen, Pa., until March, 1909, when he sold out and opened his downtown store at Charleroi, in December, 1908.

Mr. Haube was united in marriage with Mary Henroin, who is a daughter of Emmile Henroin, and they have two children: Julia and Alice. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Order of Ben Hur.

MATTHEW TAYLOR, who for many years was one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on the farm that has been the property of the Taylor family for the past five generations, and died there October 15, 1889. He was a son of Matthew and Nancy (Hutchinson) Taylor, and a grandson of Hon. Henry Taylor, who established the Taylor family in this county, and had the honor of being the first judge of Washington County.

Hon. Henry Taylor came to this section of the country from Cecil County, Md., about the year 1770, and settled on land which he afterwards purchased. The first purchase of which there is any record is of 150 acres on the middle fork of Chartiers Creek, bounded

on the northeast by Robert Howelton's land, and on the south by the road leading from Catfish Camp to Pittsburg. The deed or patent of this land is signed by John Penn, February 1, 1771. Mr. Taylor subsequently purchased other tracts aggregating about 1,700 acres in all, in what is now known as South Strabane Township. He was appointed a major of the militia and a justice of the peace of Yohogania County and upon the formation of Washington County in 1781 was elected a justice of the peace, October 15 of that same year. He was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council a justice of the peace and of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions and was later made the presiding justice, a position which he held until the office was abolished in 1791. On April 19, 1793, during Wayne's expedition against the Indians, he was commissioned by Gov. Mifflin, brigadier-general of the brigade, which was composed of the militia of the townships of the county, with the exception of East Bethlehem Township. His death occurred October 8, 1801. He was united in marriage with Jane White, their union resulting in the birth of five sons and three daughters: Matthew, Henry, John, Joseph, George, Jane, Elizabeth and Mary. Matthew Taylor, the oldest son, was born on the old homestead and after his marriage settled on a part of the land purchased by his father, Henry Taylor. Matthew Taylor married Nancy Hutchinson, and they had ten children, of whom Matthew Taylor, the father of Mrs. Rachel M. Craft, is the subject of this sketch.

Matthew Taylor spent his entire life in Washington County engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was one of the prominent citizens of the county, where he commanded the highest respect and esteem of friends and acquaintances. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, and served as a member of the official board for a number of years. He was married May 6, 1864, to Jane Forrest, a daughter of George Forrest, and a native of London, England. Her great-great-grandmother was a sister of Lord Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of three children: George F., Rachel M. and John R. George F., who was a farmer by occupation, died June 3, 1907, aged forty years. Rachel M. is the widow of William Mervin Craft, whom she married in December, 1902, and whose death occurred in 1904 at Denver, Col., of lung trouble. He was born in Brookville, Pa., graduated from the Washington-Jefferson College with the Class of 1896, and the law department of Yale University in 1899, after which he practiced law a short time at Brookville, and then came to Washington, where he was recognized as one of the able and rising young attorneys of Washington County. John R. Taylor resides on the homestead farm in South Strabane Township, which he and his sister, Mrs. Craft, own. He married Eliza Jane McCandless, of





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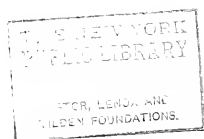
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New Castle, Pa., and they have four daughters: Helen G., Katherine J., Sarah and Dorothy.

Mrs. Taylor is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Craft is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, both of Washington. Mrs. Craft is a daughter of the American Revolution in connection with the Washington Chapter, by virtue of her great-grandfather, Henry Taylor, who was major of the militia and rendered invaluable service to the cause of American Independence.

Mrs. Taylor built a beautiful residence at No. 156 N. Main street, Washington, where she has resided since 1894.

E. E. FRENCH, M.D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Ellsworth, Pa., who has been identified with the medical profession of Washington County since about 1887, was born September 23, 1865, at Prosperity, Pa., and is the oldest son of Capt. John Calvin and Sevilla (Vaile) French.

Capt. John Calvin French, a veteran of the Civil War, was born October 10, 1836, in Washington County, Pa., and is the youngest son of George M. and Mary (Porter) French. His mother died when he was less than three years old, and much of his early life was spent with relatives in Fayette County. He is of Scotch Irish parentage, and his great-grandfather was a member of Gen. Washington's body guard during the Revolutionary War, while his maternal grandfather, Charles Porter, of Fayette County, was speaker of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1806. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, and his educational training was obtained in the common schools. Early in manhood he went to West Virginia, where he engaged in the hoop and stave trade, and in 1861 enlisted with two brothers in the Union army. His older brother, A. D. French, was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., in 1863, and he was severely wounded at White Sulphur Springs, Va., receiving a gun-shot wound in the thigh, which left him a cripple for life. He was rescued from the field of battle by comrades, and was given shelter and cared for by Mrs. Jonathan Arnold, a sister of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson. He was promoted through the ranks from a private to sergeant, orderly sergeant, and was commissioned second lieutenant on Sept. 7, 1862, and first lieutenant on December 3, 1863. Capt. French is a Republican in politics, was elected to the General Assembly in 1894, and served as treasurer of Washington County in 1874 and 1875. Capt. French was united in marriage with a schoolmate, Sevilla Vaile, and they have three children: E. E. French, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Dr. A. N. Booth, and John Calvin, Jr.

Dr. E. E. French was reared at Prosperity, where he attended the common schools, and later Washington and

Jefferson College, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1887. He first located in Finleyville for one year, then came to Bentleyville where, for sixteen years, he practiced medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. A. N. Booth, and in 1903 came to Ellsworth, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. French is health officer of the borough of Ellsworth, also of Somerset and West Bethlehem townships, and is secretary of the board of health of Ellsworth Borough. He has been the physician and surgeon in charge of the Ellsworth Collier Company's mines at Ellsworth, since the founding of the borough of Ellsworth in 1900. Dr. French is a member of the Pigeon Creek I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member since 1889, and secretary since May, 1891, and is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. French married Sarah Young, who is a daughter of Nathaniel Young, of California, Pa. Dr. A. H. Gross, who is assistant to our subject, is a graduate of the University of Pittsburg.

SEAMAN SPROWLS, one of the representative citizens of West Finley, Pa., where he holds the responsible office of postmaster, was born about one mile from West Finley, in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1852, a son of Arthur and Hester (Seaman) Sprohls.

The Sprohls family, which is widely and favorably known in this part of the State, was founded in America in 1780, the original ancestors coming from Ireland. John Sprohls, the grandfather of Seaman Sprohls, was a successful farmer of his day, and his son, Arthur Sprohls, followed agricultural pursuits all of his life in Washington County. Arthur Sprohls married Hester Seaman, and both died in 1899 and were buried in West Finley Cemetery. They were the parents of six children: Albert, a resident of Canonsburg; Seaman; Carrie, deceased, was the wife of A. H. Montgomery, of East Finley Township; Isadora, wife of D. J. McDavid; Hettie, the wife of S. C. Elliott; and Arthur, a resident of Kansas.

Seaman Sprohls attended the common schools of West Finley Township until nineteen years of age, when he engaged in farming in that township, and continued to reside there until 1904, when he located in the village of West Finley. He was here appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt, his term expiring in April, 1910. He also held numerous township offices while residing on his farm, and in every instance has proven himself a capable official and public spirited citizen. His political views are those of the Republican party, and with his wife he attends the Presbyterian Church at Windy Gap.

In April, 1899, Mr. Sprohls was married to Lora

Sprolws, his second cousin, daughter of George W. and Naoma (Clark) Sprolws, and to this union there have been born four children: Alma, Wade, Thelma and Arthur G.

WINFIELD F. RICHARDSON, one of the representative and substantial citizens of Bentleyville, Washington County, Pa., who has retired from active participation in business, has resided here since 1883 and is a member of one of the old county families. He was born on a farm adjoining Bentleyville, January 24, 1852, and is a son of Harrison and Sarah (Leatherman) Richardson.

The first of the Richardsons to come to Washington County was Thomas Richardson, who was born in Ireland. His son, also Thomas Richardson, was born in Washington County, where he married and reared a family and his son, Harrison Richardson, was born on the old family farm near Bentleyville. He married Sarah Leatherman, who was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and was a daughter of John Leatherman.

Winfield F. Richardson was reared on the home farm. He enjoyed really superior educational advantages, passing from the country schools to the State Normal School at California, Pa., and from there to Mt. Union College, at Alliance, Ohio, and at the latter institution was graduated in the classical course. After he returned home he taught school, several terms in Bentleyville and also in West Pike Run, in Somerset Township. When but eighteen years of age he taught his first school, in Fayette County. For some years he was associated with his father in farming and stock raising, but in 1883 he came to Bentleyville and for ten years was engaged in the mercantile business. He still owns some valuable farming land in Washington County, has large coal interests and is a director in the Farmers and Miners National Bank at Bentleyville.

Mr. Richardson married Miss Lillian West, a daughter of Robert and Susan (Bentley) West, an old Washington County family, and they have one son, Harry Richardson, who was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in the Class of 1907. He married Miss Jean Holt, a daughter of Judge Holt, of Beaver, Pa., and they have one daughter, Jean Louise. He at present is a teacher in the Bentleyville High School. Mr. Richardson formerly was a very active citizen and still takes an interest in all that promises to add to the permanent welfare of Bentleyville, in the material development of which place he has borne a useful part. He is a Knight Templar Mason.

BENJAMIN FRANKLE, owner and proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, at McDonald, Pa., who also is sec-

retary of the McDonald Heat and Light Company, is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of this borough. Mr. Frankle comes from a land that has sent many good citizens to America. He was born in Russia, September 10, 1877, and is a son of David and Dinah Frankle, and a grandson of Aaron Frankle. The parents of Mr. Frankle have never left Russia and the aged father is now in his ninetieth year. Of their children, Benjamin was the third in order of birth, the others being: Morris, Louis, Philip and five daughters.

In 1892, Benjamin Frankle crossed the Atlantic Ocean and after landing on American soil, made his way to Pittsburg, Pa. He had capital and during his first year remained in Pittsburg and then came to McDonald as manager of a dry goods store for Burnstein & Rosenfield, and during the four years that he managed no less than \$50,000 worth of business was done annually. He had demonstrated that the trade was permanent and he displayed his business discernment by buying them out, in 1897, and he conducted the business for himself for the following eight years. In 1904, in partnership with a Mr. Conner, he went into the hotel business and they continued together until April 20, 1909, when Mr. Frankle purchased Mr. Conner's interest in the Commercial Hotel, and has remained sole proprietor. He has equipped the house with electric lights and added other modern comforts and conveniences, and has twenty bedrooms for hotel purposes. He is a careful and obliging host and has about as much patronage as he can handle. He is well known to the traveling public and his books show many well known names as his guests.

In politics, Mr. Frankle is a Republican. He is prominent in fraternal life, being identified with Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M., at McDonald, and is secretary of this lodge; with Cyrus Chapter No. 280, R. A. M., at Carnegie; with Mount Moriah Council No. 2, R. & S. M., at Pittsburg. He belongs also to McDonald Lodge No. 605, Odd Fellows; and to McDonald Lodge No. 30, Loyal Order of the Moose.

W. E. McMAHON, postmaster at Reissing, Washington County, Pa., taking charge in April, 1909, also fills the position of general manager for the Federal Supply Company No. 42, at this point. He was born at Walker's Mills, Allegheny County, Pa., January 18, 1886, and is a son of John and Mary (Riley) McMahon.

The parents of Mr. McMahon continue to live at Walker's Mills, where the father has business interests. There W. E. McMahon attended school and also had his first business experience. In 1904 he became connected with the Federal Supply Company at that point and appreciation of his fidelity and business qualifications was shown when he was appointed general manager at Reissing, Washington County. In politics he is a Re-

publican and he succeeded A. F. Beaumier, as post master here when the latter removed to Bishop, as general manager there of the Federal Supply Company. Mr. McMahon is a member of the Catholic Church. He is an enterprising, active and reliable young man who evidently has a business future of magnitude before him.

MRS. LAVINIA BENTLEY JONES, who comes of one of the old established and highly esteemed families of Washington County, Pa., was born August 28, 1825, at Bentleyville, a daughter of Sheshbazzar and Hannah (Clever) Kinworthy Bentley, and a granddaughter of Sheshbazzar Bentley, who laid out the town of Bentleyville.

The Bentley family was first established in this country by George Bentley, a native of England, who was drafted into the English army during the colonial days, and came to America as a member of the Royal troops. He subsequently located in Chester County, Pa., where he married a Miss Carson, a native of Ireland, and they reared a large family of children. Their eldest child, Sheshbazzar Bentley, who was born in Chester County, Pa., came to Washington County at an early period, where he died in 1800 at the age of fifty one years. He established and operated the first grist mill on Pigeon Creek, and the first election of his district was held in 1787 at his residence near Bentleyville.

Sheshbazzar Bentley, father of our subject, was born in Washington County, on the old Bentley homestead near Bentleyville, and for many years operated the old mill at Bentleyville. He was first united in marriage with Elizabeth Moore, of Washington County, and to them were born the following children: Mary, who married William Pusey, a merchant of Pittsburg; Hannah, who married Dr. Fleming; and Henry and Ann, both deceased. His second union was with Hannah (Clever) Kinworthy, a widow, by whom he became the father of four children: Susan, the deceased wife of Robert West; Lavinie (Mrs. Jones), the subject of this sketch; Martha Jane, deceased wife of John W. Stephens; and Amanda (Mrs. Newkirk), deceased. Mr. Bentley died in 1866 and was survived by his widow until 1874.

Lavinie Bentley was born and reared at Bentleyville, Pa., and was first united in marriage with Rev. Fleming Jones, by whom she became the mother of three children: Hannah, now deceased, was the wife of Alfred Davis; Felicia, who married John Ing, a resident of Illinois; and O. B., who became the minister and has charge of a Methodist Episcopal Church at Youngstown, Ohio. His son, Olin Clark Jones, also is a minister of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Jones subsequently married R. L. Jones, a brother of her former husband, and of this union were born: Belle, who married Warren Pierson, of Bentley-

ville; Cornelia Roberta, who married Benjamin Crouch; Edmond, who married Frank Gibson; and Bazzenia, who married Donald Darroch.

HENRY W. TEMPLE, D. D., professor of history and political science at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., has figured conspicuously in religious and educational life in this community for the past nineteen years. He was born in 1864 in Logan County, Ohio, graduated from the Geneva College with the class of 1883, and from the Covenant Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., in 1887. He first entered the ministry at Stanton in Jefferson County, Pa., going from there to Leechburg, Pa., where he remained until he came to Washington. He was a pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church from 1891 until 1905, and in 1898 was made adjunct professor in political science at Washington and Jefferson College, in which capacity he served until 1905, when the professorship of history and political science was offered him by the same institution, which position he accepted, and is still the efficient incumbent of that office. Dr. Temple was editorial writer for the "Presbyterian Banner," of Pittsburg, from 1898 until 1900, and has been associate editor of the "United Presbyterian," of Pittsburg, since 1903. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him in 1902 by Westminster College. He has been chaplain of the 10th Pa. Regt. since 1902, is a member of the American Historical Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the American Society of International Law.

In 1892 Dr. Temple was united in marriage with Lucy Parr, of Leechburg, Pa., and they have five children: John, Martha, William, Henry and Edward.

JOHN IRVIN, one of the highly esteemed residents of East Finley Township, Washington County, where he is the owner of an excellent farm of 412 acres, was born in 1835 on the farm on which he now resides, a son of James and Martha (Harvey) Irvin.

Franklin Irvin, the grandfather of John Irvin, came to the United States from Ireland in the latter part of the seventeenth century and settled in Washington County, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life. His son, James Irvin, was born in East Finley Township, in 1800, and was a farmer and dealer in stock, making two trips to Illinois in 1851 and 1852, from which State he drove stock back to Pennsylvania. He was very successful in his operations and was widely known in Washington County. His death occurred in 1855, and that of his wife in 1839, both being buried in Fairview Cemetery, and they were the parents of four children: Elizabeth Ann, who died young; John; and two children who died in infancy.

John Irvin attended the common schools of East Finley Township during several months of each year until he was twenty years of age, when he took charge of the home farm, then consisting of 239 acres, which, however, was heavily incumbered. Selling 119 acres of the land, Mr. Irvin cleared off the indebtedness, and went to Illinois and Iowa for one year, but not being favorably impressed with conditions there, returned to Pennsylvania and during the following year was married. Within five years he had torn down the old residence and erected a new ten-room house, in addition to making many other improvements on the place, and kept adding from time to time to his land, his system being to go into debt for new land and then gradually to clear up the amount of indebtedness. He was a dealer in stock, raising sheep, hogs and cattle, and he prospered to such an extent that his property of 412 acres is unincumbered. This land is made more valuable by the presence of two flowing oil wells. Mr. Irvin is a staunch Republican in politics, and is serving his second term as director of the poor, having served many years as school director, member of the petit and grand juries, and executor of many estates. He is a stockholder and was formerly a director in the Fairview Cemetery. For more than twenty years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Old Concord.

In June, 1859, Mr. Irvin was married to Elizabeth Ann Blaney, daughter of Henry and Jane (Rodgers) Blaney, natives of Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Irvin there have been born children as follows: James H., who lives in East Finley Township, married Mayne Gamble, daughter of Rev. Gamble, and they have six children—James P., William Donald, Frederick Gamble, John Victor, Mabel Estella, and Emma Rebecca; Martha J., who is deceased, was the wife of Jesse Montgomery, of East Finley Township, and had two children—Nora and John I.; William, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Mary, who married Robert Marshall, of Washington, and have one son, Harry G.; Addie, deceased, who married Dr. Winget, of Waynesburg; Jonathan, who died in infancy; Cad B., who died at the age of eight years; Samuel, who resides on his father's farm, married Susan Bell, daughter of Robert Bell, of South Franklin Township; Charles Oakley, who lives at home; and John, who resides with his father, married Mary Simpson, foster-daughter of L. H. Simpson, of East Finley Township, and has one son—Byron S. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Irvin died in 1898, and was buried at Fairview Cemetery.

ROBERT M. McCARTNEY, a representative business man of McDonald, Pa., owner and proprietor of a cigar factory, dealing both retail and wholesale, is one of the borough's most progressive and enterprising citizens. He

was born in Finley Township, Allegheny County, Pa., October 9, 1870, and is a son of Alexander and a grandson of Robert McCartney.

Alexander McCartney was a farmer in Allegheny County. He was a Democrat in his political opinions and religiously was identified with the United Presbyterian Church. He married Elizabeth B. Harper, a daughter of James Harper. Both Alexander and Elizabeth McCartney are deceased, their burial being near Bethlehem Cemetery, in Independence Township, Beaver County, Pa. Their family consisted of the following children: Robert M., J. H., A. O., Mary Eliza, Johanna S. and Sarah T.

Robert M. McCartney obtained his primary education in the country schools and then entered the Ingleside Academy, at McDonald, and after completing a course there, was employed for a short time by J. C. May. In 1893, with the cooperation of his father, he bought the business of J. C. May, and they continued for three years, when Robert M. purchased his father's share, but subsequently sold the whole business to W. F. Woods. He then served as a commercial messenger between McDonald and Pittsburg, for six years, in the meanwhile making his business plans which resulted in his purchasing the tobacco store and news depot of Samuel Smith, at McDonald. Later he purchased a cigar factory from Morris Levison, and at first carried on only a retail trade, but subsequently added candy to his commodities and entered into wholesaling. He has an excellent market within a radius of twenty miles of McDonald and also ships to points in the East, West, North and South. He affords constant employment to about sixteen people.

In November, 1896, Mr. McCartney was married to Miss Anna B. Wagner, who is a daughter of Herman and Katherine Wagner, and a sister of Margaret, who is a wife of Mack Reed, of Coraopolis, Pa. The father of Mrs. McCartney died when she was young. Her mother subsequently married W. V. Eaton, and they had two children: A. L. G. and William Eaton. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In politics he is a Democrat. He has served as a member of the borough council for two terms, where his business judgment proved very valuable, and he has also served one term on the board of health. He is identified with a number of fraternal organizations, being past grand of the Odd Fellows, secretary of the Royal Arcanum, and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees and the Heptasophs, all at McDonald.

JOHN A. STEN, one of Washington's representative business men, who has been a resident for over twenty years, is a member of the well known firm of Zahniser



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Brothers & Sten, foundry men and machinists, and also owners of an automobile garage. Mr. Sten was born in Sweden, in 1859.

Mr. Sten was educated in the schools of his own land as he did not come to America until he had reached manhood. For three years he resided in Clinton County, Pa., prior to coming to Washington County, and there learned the machinist and foundry trade, with which he has been connected ever since. After coming to Washington he became a member of the present firm, one that probably turns out as much business as any other in its line in this city. He has other interests in prospering industries of this section, and is one of the city's substantial, reliable, self-made men.

On April 17, 1892, Mr. Sten was married to Miss Violet Thomas and they have a family of four children: Anna, Leona, Charles and Lloyd. Mr. Sten was reared in the Lutheran faith. He is a member of the fraternal order of Eagles.

JEFFERSON P. DUVALL, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of Fallowfield Township, who owns three tracts of farm land in Fallowfield and East Pike Run townships, was born April 10, 1830, on a farm in East Pike Run Township, and is a son of Jacob and Jane (Patterson) Duvall. Jacob Duvall, who was born in Washington County, was a son of Alexander Duvall, a native of France, and died in 1864 on the farm on which our subject was born. He was a farmer and miller by trade, and owned a farm of forty acres and a mill located on the Little Pike Run. His wife, Jane Patterson, was born in Chester County, Pa., and died in 1854.

Jefferson P. Duvall was reared on his father's farm in East Pike Run Township, where he remained until 1866, when he located on another farm in the same township. He has been living on his present farm of 130 acres in Fallowfield Township, since 1893, and also owns two farms of 100 and 185 acres, in East Pike Run Township. He is a director in the Bank of Charleroi, also the Bentleyville National Bank, is a stockholder in the California, Pa., Bank. Since 1862 he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity.

In 1851, Mr. Duvall married Sarah Robinson, who was born in East Pike Run Township, a daughter of Hiram Robinson, and died April 1, 1908. Of their union were born eight children: Thomas R., a farmer and owner of 220 acres in Fallowfield Township, married Elizabeth E. Carson, and has two children, J. Blaine, and Ira J.; Jane, who is the wife of Allan J. White, of California, Pa., has three children, Harry, Jessie and Harold; Melissa, who is the wife of John B. Carson, of Ohio, is the mother of eight children; Jacob D., who is engaged in farming in West Pike Run Township, married Anetta Carson, and they have one child, Bartley; Hiram, who

resides in Stark County, Ohio, is married and has three children; Carl, who lives with his father; Harrison, who lives on one of his father's farms in East Pike Run Township, married Frances Nixon, and they have three children; and Jefferson L., a twin brother of Harrison, who died January 23, 1909. Mr. Duvall has ten great-grandchildren living.

GEORGE McLEOD, deceased, who attained considerable prominence as one of the most successful oil operators of his day, in Pennsylvania, was of Scotch ancestry, and was born April 2, 1839, and reared in Thamesford, County Oxford, Ontario, Can. He remained under the parental roof until about nineteen years of age, when he came to the United States and located at Cow Run, Butler County, Pa., which was then the oil center of the State. He was entirely without funds upon landing in this country, but possessed an abundance of determination, enterprise and pluck, and began working at anything honest he could find to do. His chief ambition was to rise to the top as an oil operator, so with an indomitable spirit of perseverance, he toiled on at day work until he had acquired sufficient capital to establish himself in contracting and drilling, and through his thoroughness and reliability, soon found himself on the road to financial success, and after overcoming reverses and interference, he became one of the successful oil producers, and of all the oil wells of which he eventually became owner, he considered the one at Karns City, Butler County, as his best.

Mr. McLeod passed out of this life December 1, 1892, after an illness of two years. He left an imperishable legacy for probity and honesty in all his dealings, and his life was marked by many good deeds, rather than by loud pretenses. He was recognized as one of the most generous men of his day and locality, always having taken the greatest pleasure in giving assistance to his fellow men, who were not so fortunate as himself. He acquired considerable wealth but would have been the possessor of a greater fortune at the time of his death, had he been less liberal and benevolent. It is impossible to enumerate his many traits of character that marked him as one of nature's noblemen, but all the acts of his life spoke for itself. In private or home life he was at his best, for there he exemplified the purity of his character by his devotion to his family.

Mr. McLeod was married to Eliza Amelia Smith, an accomplished young lady of Buffalo, N. Y., and no better helpmate could have been found. During the two long years of illness, which preceded the death of Mr. McLeod, who was suffering from locomotor ataxia, and utterly unable to move his limbs, she was constantly by his side, for under no consideration would he have any nurse save her. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod were the parents

of six children: George K., who is a resident of Mason-town, Pa., married Ola Altman; John Thomas, who is deceased; Edward S., who is a wholesale produce merchant of Washington, Pa.; Ina Emily, who is an artist and accomplished musician; Lotta Olive, who is a graduate of Vassar College; and Carrie M., who is deceased. Mrs. McLeod and her two daughters, Ina and Lotta, reside at the beautiful family home at No. 500 East Beau street. Mrs. McLeod, who is esteemed and loved for her many womanly qualities and Christian-like spirit, is ever ready to assist her friends and the needy, and to relieve suffering wherever found.

CHARLES FREMONT THOMAS, cashier of the Bank of Donora, with which concern he has been identified since February 1, 1905, was born September 24, 1879, on a farm which now forms a part of the present site of Donora, Pa., and is a son of Capt. George and Ella (Dias) Thomas, and a grandson of George W. Thomas, who came to this country at a very early period from McKeesport. He was mine superintendent for the Gilmore Coal Company, and in 1885 was killed at Webster, Pa., in an explosion in the mine.

Capt. George Thomas, the father of subject, is the vice-president of the Bank of Donora, and is manager of the People's Coal Company of Pittsburg, and for a score of years has been a prominent figure in the Monongahela Valley. He began life as a pilot on the river at the age of ten years, and has steadily advanced to positions of greater importance. During his fourteen years as pilot on the river, Capt. Thomas piloted over 100,000 bushels of coal into the Pittsburg harbor with the "Charles Jutte." During this period he only sank two coal boats, both of which were subsequently recovered, and he had the honor of towing the first coal out of the Monongahela River, after the freeing of navigation by the government, which purchased the locks and dams from the Monongahela Navigation Company. Capt. Thomas followed the river until 1899, when he sold his interest in the River Coal Company, and in 1901, he and W. C. Jutte established the People's Coal Company of Pittsburg, with which he is still associated. Capt. George Thomas was united in marriage with Ella Dias, a daughter of Joseph Dias, of Webster, Pa., and they reared a family of five children; Charles Fremont, the subject of this sketch; and Albert, Minerva, Iva June, and Anna Mary.

Charles Fremont Thomas spent his boyhood in the vicinity of Donora and Webster, and when twelve years of age went to Charleroi, where he attended the public schools until seventeen years of age. He then entered the First National Bank as messenger boy and was subsequently made teller of that bank, with which he was associated for nine years. In 1905 he returned to Donora,

where on February 1, 1905, he accepted a position as cashier of the Bank of Donora. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, and the B. P. O. E., and is identified in politics with the Republican party. He is the present treasurer of the school district, and is one of the enterprising and progressive young citizens of Donora.

Mr. Thomas, on October 27, 1909, was married to Georgianna Eggers, daughter of Charles F. Eggers, former president of the Monessen Savings & Trust Co., Monessen, Pa., and a retail lumber dealer, at Uniontown, Pa.

W. R. STEPHENS, who is well known in the financial circles of Bentleyville, Pa., is cashier of the Bentleyville National Bank, with which he has been identified since August 24, 1908, when he succeeded T. F. Wickerham, who is now cashier of the First National Bank of Elizabeth, Pa. Mr. Stephens was born December 25, 1885, on a farm in Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Louis and Jennie B. Stephens. His boyhood days were spent on the farm near Fayette City, where he attended the common schools and the Fayette City high school, after which he took a commercial course at Duff's Commercial College, at Pittsburg. Upon leaving school he accepted a position as stenographer with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained one year, when he entered the Monessen Savings & Trust Company, of Monessen, Pa., in whose employ he continued until he accepted his present position as cashier of the Bentleyville National Bank. The officers of the Bentleyville National Bank are as follows: C. K. Frye, who has long been identified with Bentleyville as the leading merchant of the borough, is president; Dr. A. N. Booth, of Bentleyville, first vice-president; Capt. J. C. French, of Bentleyville, second vice-president; W. R. Stephens, our subject, cashier, and B. J. Duvall, assistant cashier. The directors are: C. K. Frye; J. C. French; J. P. Duvall, a prominent farmer of Fallowfield Township; J. W. Piersol, of Bentleyville; J. D. Duvall, of Coal Center; John W. Frost, a prominent farmer of Somerset Township; W. H. Mitchell, a well-known farmer of West Pike Run Township; Dr. A. N. Booth, and Smith F. Scott, of West Pike Run Township, all of whom are well known and successful local business men. It is a well established fact that the strength of a bank is measured largely by the ability and character of its officers and directors, as well as by the amount of capital invested. Thus it can be readily understood why such great confidence is placed in the Bentleyville National Bank, which is headed by such men of character, integrity and business ability. The Bentleyville National Bank began business May 1, 1906, in a fine brick building, which is owned by that concern, and the following comparative statements of deposits, shows the rapid growth of that institution: June 23, 1906—\$18,576.78; June 23,

1907—\$74,606.86; June 23, 1908—\$105,351.16; June 23, 1909—\$144,159.63, and on October 1, 1909, over \$200,000.00. The capital of the bank is \$25,000, with a surplus of \$6,000. It is interesting to note that since W. R. Stephens took charge as cashier of the bank, the deposits and business of the bank have about doubled. Mr. Stephens is without doubt the youngest bank cashier in Washington County, and possibly in the State, and has a bright future in the banking business assured him.

Mr. Stephens married Cora V. Dills, of Uniontown, Pa., and they have one daughter, Alice Stephens. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. W. BENNEY, cashier of the First National Bank of Cecil, Washington County, Pa., and also treasurer of the road fund of Cecil Township, is well known in financial circles both in Washington and Allegheny counties, and has had many years of banking experience. He was born in Allegheny City, Pa., January 23, 1862, and is a son of C. W. and Anna (Alexander) Benney.

The father of Mr. Benney died at Allegheny City in December, 1887. For many years he had been in the banking business there. He was a Republican in his political views, but neither sought nor accepted public office. He married Anna Alexander, who survived until March, 1900, and they rest in the beautiful city cemetery at Allegheny.

C. W. Benney was educated in the public schools of Allegheny City and Duff's Business College, and then went to Texas where, for four years, he engaged in dealing in stock. After he returned he entered the First National Bank, at Allegheny City, as a messenger, and continued to be identified with that institution until it closed, in 1903, a period of nineteen years. Mr. Benney has been cashier of the First National Bank of Cecil since 1906.

In February, 1888, Mr. Benney was married to Miss Cora B. Myers, who is a daughter of S. H. Myers, of Beaver Falls, Pa. They have a beautiful home at Woodville, Allegheny County. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Carnegie. In politics, Mr. Benney is a Republican.

DAVID G. BAMFORD, president of the Midway National Bank and also president of the Crescent Flour Mills Company, at Midway, Pa., has been prominently identified with the interest of this borough for the past twenty-seven years, coming here in 1882. He was then a young man, his birth having taken place at Pittsburgh, Pa., February 20, 1852, and his parents were Robert and Sarah (Gordon) Bamford.

The Bamford family is of Irish extraction, the parents of David G. Bamford having been born in the vicinity of

Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland. In the summer of 1848, they emigrated to America. Locating at Pittsburgh, they lived there until the fall of 1852, when they moved to Noblestown, in Allegheny County. After a period of some two or three years they moved to Washington County, locating on the farm of Jacob George, near Primrose. In the fall of 1862, they moved to a farm in Robeson Township, where the remainder of the father's life was passed. He was a blacksmith by trade. He died on January 3, 1887, and is survived by his widow who resides with a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, in Midway. They were parents of the following children: David G., William, Robert, and Mary Elizabeth.

David G. Bamford attended the public schools of the neighborhood in which they lived and spent one year in the Mansfield Valley Academy, and then engaged in farming until 1882, when he embarked in the flour and feed business at Midway, where his interests in this line became very important. Mr. Bamford was the organizer of the Midway National Bank at Midway, February 7, 1903, of which he was elected president, an office he has filled ever since, his associate officers being: A. J. Russell, vice-president, and R. M. Donaldson, cashier. The directors of this prosperous financial institution are: D. G. Bamford, A. J. Russell, James Bell, R. M. Dickson, James M. Wallace, K. Noble McDonald, W. S. Russell, D. W. Smith, and R. M. Donaldson. In 1904 a modern bank building was erected and equipped in the most modern way for the successful prosecution of the banking business.

In August, 1884, Mr. Bamford was married to Miss Mary A. Leonard, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Campbell) Leonard, residents of Allegheny County. Mrs. Bamford has two sisters: Grace, who is the wife of John H. Armstrong; and Anna. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bamford: Leonard G., who is a student at Washington and Jefferson College, in his senior year; and Mary Elizabeth, who is in her senior year in the Midway high school. The family belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Midway. Mr. Bamford was reared in the Democratic party but for the past twenty years has been a Prohibitionist.

J. CLIVE ENOS, M. D., who has been identified with the medical profession of Charleroi, Pa., since 1904, was born in Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pa., September 20, 1881, and is a son of Dr. Joseph B. and Theresa (Nickel) Enos.

Joseph B. Enos was born in 1852, at Connellsville, Fayette County, Pa., a son of Jonathan and Mary Enos, who came from Somerset County, Pa., in 1835, and located in Connellsville, where Jonathan conducted a blacksmith shop and foundry until the time of his death. Joseph B. Enos was reared in Connellsville and gradu-

ated from a medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, after which he embarked in the practice of medicine with his father-in-law, Dr. John R. Nickel, at Connellsville, Pa., continuing for two years. He then lived for a time in Belle Vernon, but in 1878 was elected to the chair of anatomy and physiology at the Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, and served in that capacity until 1886, when he went to Pittsburgh. He returned to Connellsville in 1889, where he engaged in practicing medicine until 1894, then came to Charleroi, where he continued the practice of his profession, in which he was highly successful, until the time of his death in October, 1904. Dr. Joseph B. Enos married Theresa Nickel, a daughter of the late Dr. John R. Nickel, of Connellsville, and they reared two sons: F. W. Enos, who is now in Panama, and J. Clive Enos, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. J. Clive Enos was seven years old when his parents removed to Connellsville, Pa., where he was reared and attended the local schools. He graduated from the Charleroi high school in 1899, and the following year entered the University of Maryland at Baltimore, graduating with the class of 1904, and in August of that same year received a diploma from the State Board of Medical Examiners. He immediately located at Charleroi and was associated in the practice of medicine with his father until the latter's death.

Dr. Enos was united in marriage with Hilda Brown, a daughter of Edmund Brown, who is assistant to the vice-president of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and one of the prominent citizens of Charleroi, and they have one son, Edmund Brandt Enos.

LEWIS HALLAM, deceased, who was prominent among the early business men of Washington, Pa., was a representative of one of the old colonial families of English origin. He was born in Washington County, Pa., and was a son of Joseph and Mary (Zediker) Hallam.

The history of the Hallams in America dates back to 1770, when William and Henry Hallam came from England and joined a colony at Hagerstown, Md., at that time severing all allegiance to the mother country and cementing their loyalty to the colonists' cause by becoming members of the Patriot Army in the War of the Revolution. It is related that at the battle of Germantown, William Hallam was taken captive and was brought into the presence of a British officer, who, with the insolence of his station struck the Patriot soldier in the face with his sword, a cowardly action which the latter resented by firing his musket into the officer's body. He then made a dash for liberty which proved successful. He continued in the army until the close of the war and then settled with his family in South Carolina. His brother, Henry Hallam, became a resident of Virginia, and from these settlers came all the Hallams now in

the United States and among their descendants have been numbered men of eminence. From this stem came President James K. Polk, Governor Helm and Senator Hallam, of Kentucky, E. B. Bristow, who was a member of the cabinet of President Grant, John Hallam, the jurist and historian of Arkansas, and many others of distinction.

The Hallams prospered in their localities and grew in numbers as well as substance. Henry Hallam had four sons who joined the tide of immigration that flowed west in 1795. They were: William, Henry, John and Andrew and they settled in what is now Smith County, Tenn. With them went Rachel, a daughter of William Hallam, the Revolutionary hero, she having married her cousin, William Hallam. These sons of Henry Hallam became important factors in the development of that new country, were personal friends and enthusiastic supporters of Andrew Jackson and made honorable records for themselves.

Joseph Hallam, father of Lewis Hallam, was born in Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., his parents having previously settled there, bringing with them from Tennessee a number of their slaves attached to their household. Joseph Hallam grew to manhood on the farm and then moved to Washington Borough, where he became proprietor of the old Valentine House, which later became the Allison House. He married a member of the Zediker family in Washington County, and they had the following children: Lewis, John, George, Joseph, Levina, Elizabeth, and the wife of Hamilton Todd. All are now deceased. Joseph was a sympathizer with the South during the Civil War, and removed to that section of the Union.

Lewis Hallam learned the blacksmith trade in his youth and to a large extent followed the same all his life. In early days he conducted a transportation line over the National Turnpike Road from Baltimore to the Ohio River, and he had the reputation of owning the finest teams that ever traveled that road. Until the Civil War broke out he conducted a blacksmith business at Washington and then secured a contract to manufacture wagons for the U. S. government, which business necessitated his residing at Wheeling, W. Va. After the war closed he returned to Washington and continued to work at his trade during the remainder of his active life. His death occurred November 27, 1876.

Lewis Hallam married Rosanna Tegarden, who was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, and died in advanced age in August, 1891. To this marriage eleven children were born, namely: Lavina, now deceased; Elizabeth, now deceased, was the wife of Hon. J. S. Stocking; Sophia, who is the widow of George E. Parshall; Joseph; George T.; Rosanna; Lewis F.; Finley B., who was formerly a well known attorney at Washington; John W., who is president and general manager





MAURICE H. NOBLE



MRS. MARY T. NOBLE

of the Hallam Construction Company at Washington; Charles F., who also is identified with The Hallam Construction Co., and resides in his comfortable home at No. 214 Locust street, Washington; and Robert H., who is a prosperous merchant of the same city.

In early days Lewis Hallam was a supporter of the Whig party, later became an Abolitionist and when the Republican party was organized, became identified with it, but never accepted any political office. He was a man of high standing in his community and was respected by his fellow citizens and esteemed and valued by a large circle of friends. His descendants are representative people of this section of Pennsylvania.

• JOHN L. MCGOUGH, auditor of Hanover Township, Washington County, is a prominent farmer and stock raiser, operating 227 acres, in which he has a one-third interest. He was born in Jefferson Township, December 25, 1860, and is a son of Robert and Mary Ann (Lee) McGough, and a grandson of Robert and Mary (Provinces) McGough.

The McGough family is of Irish ancestry and the grandparents were early settlers in Washington County. The father of John L. McGough had educational advantages afforded him and he partly prepared for the profession of civil engineer, but later became more interested in farming, coming from Jefferson Township and settling on the present farm in 1861, on which he continued until his death in October, 1880. He had many fine herds of cattle of his own raising. He married Mary M. Lee, who was a daughter of John and Jane Ann Lee. She remained a widow for some years after his death, and then married J. C. Riddle and now resides at Steubenville, Ohio. The children born to Robert and Mary Ann McGough were John L., of Hanover Township; William W., a carpenter at Steubenville, Ohio; Mary, wife of William Anderson, of Jefferson Township; and Samuel B., who died in youth. Robert McGough was a Democrat in politics. He attended the Presbyterian Church.

John L. McGough was but one year old when he was brought to Hanover Township, and his life has been pleasantly and usefully passed here. He attended the public schools through boyhood and when twenty years of age, having lost his father, the responsibilities of life first touched him, and being the eldest of the children the management of the farm fell to him. It has never been divided, there being three heirs, and he rents all the land and successfully cultivates it. He devotes attention to stock raising and has something of a reputation for fine cattle.

On September 25, 1884, Mr. McGough was married to Miss Belle Stephenson, one of the following family of children born to David and Rachel (Noah) Stephenson,

farmers of Jefferson Township: John R.; Belle, who became the wife of Mr. McGough; Nannie, who married James Jackson, of Hanover Township; Nettie, who married C. E. Fulton, of Calgary, Canada; Mollie, who married Harvey Linn, deceased; and Dora, who married William Criss, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McGough have two children, a son and daughter: Vance L., who married Ethel Fulton and lives in Ohio; and Elsie D., who remains with her parents. Mr. McGough and family are members of the Methodist Protestant Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

MAURICE HOWARD NOBLE, proprietor of Hotel Noble at New Eagle, Washington Co., Pa., has been a resident here since 1883, and was born April 14, 1847, in County Durham, England, a son of James Noble, a glass worker of that locality.

Maurice H. Noble was reared in his native country, where he learned the glass blowing trade and married Mary Thoburn, a daughter of Robert E. Thoburn, and subsequently came to the United States with his wife and four children, locating first at Zanesville, Ohio, where they lived for two years, and then went to West Monongahela, Washington Co., Pa., where he entered the employ of a glass manufacturing concern, which was instrumental in bringing him to this country. In 1903 he erected the Hotel Noble, a brick structure containing thirty rooms, at New Eagle, Pa., and has resided here continuously since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are the parents of the following children: Thomas D., also a glass blower, who married Minnie Boalo, has one child, Thomas; Elizabeth, who is the wife of W. J. Walsh, has two children, John G. and Ralph M.; Maurice H., Jr., formerly a glass blower, but now engaged in the manufacture of ice cream, at which he has been occupied for six years, married Sarah Ann Holmes, and they have two children, Audrey and Dorothy; Mary A., married Charles E. Buildet; James, who is deceased; Laura N., who is the wife of R. E. White, has two children, Robert E. and James N.; John George; Ralph D.; Morten Black, who is deceased; and two girls who died in infancy. Mr. Noble is a Republican in politics.

John G. Noble was born May 31, 1889, at West Monongahela, Pa., and obtained his educational training at the Knox school at Pittsburg, Pa. In September, 1908, he and his brother, Ralph D., opened a grocery store and meat market in the building adjoining their father's hotel, and carry on an extensive business in the borough of New Eagle and vicinity.

On December 1, 1902, Mr. Ailes was chosen assistant secretary of this corporation. He took an active part in the organization of the banks at Roscoe and Donora,

and has been president of both institutions since 1902, and is also a director in the First National Bank of

JOHN W. AILES, president of the First National Bank of Donora, Pa., and a leading financier of Southwestern Pennsylvania, was born on a farm in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., near California, in 1855, and is a son of Nixon and Martha (Deems) Ailes.

Both parents of Mr. Ailes were born and reared in Washington County, and the mother still survives and resides in honored age, at California. The father was a farmer for some years near Brownsville, Pa., but later went into the railroad service and died at Alliance, Ohio. They had three sons: John W.; Stephen, residing at California, Pa.; and Carl, who died in early manhood.

John W. Ailes was reared on the home farm near Brownsville, and at Brownsville, and attended school until fourteen years of age, when he went to work in the Brownsville boat yards, under John S. Pringle, where he remained two years. By that time he had decided upon a business rather than a mechanical career and after completing a commercial course in a Pittsburg college, entered the Brownsville Deposit and Discount Bank, of which he became teller and continued in that relation to the institution as long as it existed. When the National Deposit Bank was organized he was elected teller and continued to serve in that capacity until May, 1881, when he bought an interest in the Alps Coal Company, of California, Pa. For eighteen years, or until its absorption by the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, he served as treasurer and general manager of this company, also as treasurer and general manager of the Crescent and California Coal companies, California, and of several trust companies. His advice is frequently sought by large interests and his attitude in relation to financial matters is closely noted by financiers.

At present Mr. Ailes is most actively engaged as treasurer and general manager of the Crescent Coal Company of Pittsburg, a corporation shipping rail coal and operating three mines fully equipped.

Mr. Ailes married Miss Mary Axton, a daughter of Baltzer and Mary (Leclerc) Axton, and they have had five children: Gertrude, who is the wife of Edwin Latchem, cashier of the First National Bank of Wilson, Pa.; Herbert, who is secretary and treasurer of the H. C. Fry Cut Glass Company, of Rochester, Pa., married Margaret Minford, and they have three children—Mary, Leo and John W.; Warren, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Oliver and Helen. The beautiful family home is situated at No. 324 Highland avenue, Donora, Pa. Mr. Ailes is identified with the Masons and Elks. Politically a Republican, he has sought the suc-

cess of that party, but has accepted no public offices except those concerned with the public schools of which he is a director.

WILLIAM M. BURLEY, burgess of California, Pa., and owner of the California Marble and Granite Works of that city, was born December 23, 1871, on a farm near Philippi, Barber County, W. Va., and is a son of James C. and Virginia A. (McIntosh) Burley, who still reside on the old home farm near Philippi. The father was for many years a manufacturer of stone ware and pottery, and is a native of Zanesville, Ohio. The mother is a native of Parkersburg, W. Va.

William M. Burley was reared on the farm and at an early age began learning the art of manufacturing pottery and stone ware, with his father, but when seventeen years of age entered the employ of J. L. Koon, of Philippi, W. Va., with whom he learned stone cutting and monument work, and in 1896 went to West Belle Vernon, Pa., where he became superintendent of their plant in that town. Two years later he came to California, Pa., where he established the California Marble and Granite Works, in which his success has been continuous.

In politics Mr. Burley takes an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party, and since March 1, 1909, has been serving as burgess of California, having been elected to that office in February, 1909, on the Republican ticket. He has been a member of the council, and previous to his election as burgess, served as president of that body. He is affiliated with the B. P. O. E., No. 494, of Charleroi.

ADAM WAGNER, who is president of the First National Bank of Cecil, Pa., and proprietor of the largest bakery establishment of the place, has done much to advance the business interests of this town and stands as one of its foremost citizens. He was born in Germany, December 5, 1856.

Mr. Wagner came to Cecil in April, 1903, where he erected a suitable building and opened his modern bakery, which he has continued and now supplies a large proportion of the town with its choicest bakery goods. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank, which was organized December 27, 1903, and has been the president of this successful financial institution ever since. In every way Mr. Wagner has demonstrated unusual business ability and has also conclusively shown his deep interest in the place in which he has chosen to make his home and rear his family. He is identified with the Republican party and for two years has been chairman of the local organization.

In Germany, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Magdalena Klein, and they resided there until after the birth



of five children, coming then to Federal, Allegheny County, where the two younger ones were born. They are: Valentine, Lema, Nicholas, Julia, Mary, John and Katie. With his family, Mr. Wagner belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

WILLIAM S. ARMOR, whose farm of 148 acres has four producing oil wells and is a valuable section of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm, April 24, 1838, and is a son of James and Nancy (McCandless) Armor.

James Armor was also born on this same farm and his parents were Thomas and Jennie (Moore) Armor. He followed farming and stock raising all his life. He was twice married (first) to Mary Wilson and three children were born to them: John, Thomas and Margaret Ann, the latter of whom married James Donaldson. He was married (second) to Nancy McCandless, who was born in Allegheny County, and was a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Ricketts) McCandless. She also is deceased, and both James and Nancy Armor were laid to rest in the Hopewell Hebron Cemetery, in Allegheny County. To the second marriage five children were born, namely: Alexander M., James R., William S., Jane, and Philip George. Jane became the wife of Samuel Wither- spoon.

William S. Armor attended the district schools in Hanover Township more or less regularly until he was eighteen years of age, only during the winter seasons, however, and then attended a select school at Murdocks-ville for a time. His business has been farming and it is one he thoroughly understands. His farm is an ancestral one, being a part of the 800 acres which belonged to the founder of the Armor family in America. This was Thomas Armor, who was born in Scotland and when he came to Washington County entered 400 acres for himself from the government and 400 more for a brother. The latter died and that 400 acres was also inherited by the heirs of Thomas Armor. They still have the old deed and members of the family have ever since owned the land. Mr. Armor is a Democrat. On several occasions he has consented to serve as school director and he has also been judge of elections and road superintendent. He is an honorable, upright man and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

On June 14, 1864, Mr. Armor was married to Miss Sarah E. Moreland, a daughter of David and Jane (McCandless) Moreland, who were farming people in Fayette County. Mr. and Mrs. Armor were cousins and hence have the same grandparents. She was the third born in a family of four children, the other being: Agnes Huston, who married William Scott; Margaretta Jane, who is deceased; and William A. married Catherine Hood. To Mr. and Mrs. Armor the following family has been

born: Mary Agnes; James Moreland, who married Adella Royer; Clement McKaig, who married Elizabeth Wyant; William George, who married Irene Fraizer, and has one son, Kenneth McCandless; Cora Jean, and Thomas Edgar, married to Anna Wilson Barton. Mr. Armor and family belong to the Frankfort Presbyterian Church.

CAPT. HENRY D. WILKINS, who died March 13, 1904, at California, Pa., was for nearly forty years captain of vessels on the river, and was also prominently identified with other business interests of this locality. He was born May 8, 1832, in Greenfield, now Coal Center, Pa., a son of Reuben and Bethsheba Wilkins. He was reared and continued to reside at Greenfield until the spring of 1850, when he went to the gold fields of the State of California, where he remained three years, then returned to Pennsylvania for a short time, after which he again made a trip to California. Three or four years later he returned to Pennsylvania and took up boat building at Coal Bluff, Pa., following that line a number of years, then became a coal-barge floater, running to Louisville, Ky. He subsequently engaged in steamboating which he followed for about forty years, during the greater part of which time he served as a captain. In 1894 he purchased a grocery store at California, which has always been under the management of his sons, Fred T. and Kramer. Capt. Wilkins continued on the river until 1901, after which he retired from active business and spent his remaining days at California until the time of his death.

Capt. Wilkins was married shortly after his return from his second trip to California, to Ann Piper, who was also a native of Greenfield, Pa., and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Piper, and of their union were born the following children: Charles E., who is a resident of Kansas City, Mo.; Mary B.; Eva, who is the wife of J. E. Gunn, of California, Pa.; Fred T.; Frank H., who is a captain on the river; Kramer; and Anna, who is a teacher in public schools at Marshall, Pa. Mrs. Wilkins is still living, a resident of California.

Fred T. Wilkins was born May 11, 1869, in Coal Center, Pa., and at the age of four years came with his parents to California where he attended the local schools, the normal school and also graduated from Duff's Business College, of Pittsburg. He was engaged as a book-keeper for about four or six years, after which he took charge of his father's business at California. The grocery store which he and his brother operate, was established by his father in 1894, and is located in a large brick block which was erected by the father, Capt. H. D. Wilkins, in 1902.

Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage with Eva B. Sinclair, of Uniontown, Pa., and to them have been born

four children: Henry D., Charles S., Mildred P., and Fred T., Jr.

EVAN C. DONALDSON, postmaster at Midway, Pa., and also secretary of the borough school board, has conducted a fire insurance line here for some years in addition to his other interests. He was born in Robeson Township, Washington County, Pa., August 27, 1863, and is a son of James and Amanda E. (Evans) Donaldson.

The father of Mr. Donaldson died in April, 1864, when his only son was not yet one year old. He was a son of John and Catherine Donaldson, who were Scotch-Irish descent. He married Amanda E. Evans, who is also deceased. Her parents were Evan and Jane Evans, and they were of English-Welsh descent. Evan C. was an only child and he still owns the farm of 200 acres which his father had acquired and cultivated.

Evan C. Donaldson attended school at McDonald and for fifteen months was a student under the late Dr. W. D. Irons, and spent one year in the Indiana State Normal School. He then started into business at Midway, embarking in the hardware, plumbing and steam fitting line, which he conducted for six years and then sold out in order to give attention to the fire insurance business, in which he has been most successful, and represents many of the leading companies of the country. In February, 1906, he was appointed postmaster at Midway and has given his fellow citizens very efficient service in this office ever since.

On January 2, 1889, Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Maud A. McIntyre, a daughter of John and Malissa (Evans) McIntyre. They have had the following children: Malissa M., who is the wife of Earl McFarland Farrar; and James W., Margaret M., John M., Evan Earl, Joseph F., D. Richard, Edward Russell, Glenn and Mary Agnes. Of these, John M. and Joseph F., are now deceased. Mrs. Donaldson has one brother and three sisters, she being the oldest of the family: Earl; Byrde, wife of Albert Mallory; Ethel, wife of William Lyde; and Blanche. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are members of the Baptist Church. He is identified with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. and A. M., at McDonald; Midway Valley Lodge, No. 888, I. O. O. F., at Midway; and while they are in existence at Midway, belonged also to the Hep-tasophs and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a zealous Republican. He has been secretary of the school board for the past six years.

REV. CLEMENT L. MCKEE, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and at present occupying the responsible position of superintendent of missions, of the Washington Presbytery, is one of Washington's most highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1864. His ancestors were among the first settlers of

western Pennsylvania. His maternal great-great-grandfather, Col. Joseph Huston, was an Indian fighter and an officer in the American Revolution. His paternal great-grandfather, John McKee, served as a soldier in both the wars of 1776 and of 1812. He was wounded, when serving under Gen. Lafayette, in the Battle of Monmouth, and when Lafayette was in Uniontown, Pa., in 1825, he gave John McKee a silk handkerchief, in memory of his bravery. The handkerchief, together with the flint-lock musket carried by John McKee in these wars, is still preserved in the family.

Dr. McKee attended the public schools and academies in Fayette County, and Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., where he secured his degree of A. B., in 1889. He then entered the Western Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1892 and immediately thereafter went into pastoral work, his first charge being the Madison Church in the Steubenville Presbytery. From there he was transferred to Wells-ville, Ohio, where he founded the Second Presbyterian Church and served as its pastor for eight years.

A desire to visit the Holy Land, caused Mr. McKee to resign the Wellsville charge in 1904. His journeyings occupied a considerable period of time and led him through the most interesting portions of Europe, north Africa and eastern Asia. He returned to his native land with the satisfaction that all good Americans feel, but the refreshment and benefit of his protracted visit will linger long with him. He afterwards took up his residence at Washington, Pa., that his children might enjoy the advantages of Washington's excellent schools. He has interests aside from his professional ones.

In December, 1891, Mr. McKee was married to Miss Frances R. Junk, of Fayette County, Pa., and they have two children, Ruth and James. The family enjoy a beautiful home on Le Moyne avenue, Washington.

Rev. William F. McKee, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Monongahela, Pa., also Joseph H. McKee, M. D., of Carnegie, Pa., and Rev. D. H. McKee, of Pittsburg, Pa., are brothers of Mr. McKee.

GEORGE MUEHLBAUER, who has been the owner and manager of the Hotel Aubrey at West Brownsville, Pa., since May 1, 1909, was born December 17, 1876, in Germany, and is a son of Joseph and Theresa (Stoiber) Muehlbauer. His father was a brewer by trade and was the owner of a brewery and flour mill in Germany, and after coming to the United States worked in a brewery at Pittsburg, Pa., until the time of his death in July, 1905. The mother is still living, a resident of Pittsburg.

George Muehlbauer was reared in his native country and worked in his father's mill and brewery there until about seventeen years of age, when the family came to this country and located at Pittsburg, where for twelve





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years he worked in the breweries, and for two years previous to coming to West Brownsville was secretary to the Brewery Workers' Union, No. 22, with an office at Pittsburg. Mr. Muehlbauer came to West Brownsville in October, 1908, and entered the employ of Abe Brody, who was proprietor of the Hotel Aubrey, which our subject purchased on May 1, 1909.

Mr. Muehlbauer was joined in marriage with Magdalene Aul, who was born and reared in Pittsburg, Pa., and is a daughter of Lawrence Aul. He belongs to the Elks at Charleroi.

JAMES W. POLLOCK, formerly county commissioner and one of Washington County's prominent citizens, now living retired from active participation in either business or politics, was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., October 10, 1841. At that time his parents resided in the historic old log house which had been the former home of Judge McDowell and the place where Dr. McMillan, according to the record made in that noted divine's journal, preached his first sermon west of the Allegheny Mountains, on the fourth Sabbath of August, 1775.

James W. Pollock is the oldest son of Samuel and Esther (McNary) Pollock, and the records of both families make interesting additions to the old annals of State and country. The Pollock family originated in Scotland and many of its present traits are those which have made the race notable the world over. A true Scotchman is honest, religious, thrifty and intelligent.

The pioneer of this family in the New World was one Samuel Pollock, who was born, reared, grounded in the Presbyterian faith and married in Scotland. Accompanied by his wife and a brother, he came to the American colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. After landing at New York, the brothers lost sight of each other entirely, Samuel's brother seeking a home in the South, while Samuel and his wife Jane, for reasons unknown to the writer, continued their journey until they reached Washington County, Pa. Here Samuel Pollock entered land in North Strabane Township, acquiring 148 acres, which he patented March 27, 1788, called "Plenty," and on which he spent the remainder of his life. There were many Indians in this section at that time and dangerous wild animals were numerous in the great belts of woodland. Courage and perseverance were necessary to overcome the hardships and endure the privations, but both he and wife attained a ripe old age. He died in March, 1812, and his wife Jane died in March, 1824. They were members of the early Covenanters Church. They had three sons and five daughters, all of the latter allying themselves by marriage with other families of high standing in this then far western country. Mary married a Mr. House. Agnes

married James Pursley and they lived at West Alexander, Washington County, Pa. Grizella married Robert Johnston and they made a home on the Middletown road five miles west of Washington. Jane married John Crow and located in Butler County. Margaret, born December 11, 1780, married Alexander McNary and they settled near Cadiz, Ohio. John lived at home single and died there prior to the 26th day of March, 1810. Samuel married Ellen Young and had four sons and five daughters. William was the third son of Samuel and Jane Pollock.

William Pollock, born in 1783, married Nancy McNary and their children were Jane, John, Samuel, James and Malcolm Boyd. He spent all his days on the original homestead near Clokeyville, Washington County, which he willed to his youngest son, James Pollock, and this land has been in the family for six generations. To his son, Samuel, he willed the Alexander Scott farm, containing 208 acres and to his other children he was equally generous. He was a member of the Associate (Seceder) Church. When the Pigeon Creek congregation was organized, he was elected one of the ruling elders, an office he continued to fill during the remainder of his life. Politically he was an active worker in the Whig party. He built one of the first mills in the county, or at least he operated it on his farm by ox power. On August 17, 1834, he was bereaved of his wife, whom he survived until August 3, 1856. Their remains were laid in what was then the Associate Cemetery, now known as Oak Spring, situated near Canonsburg.

Samuel Pollock, second son of William and Nancy (McNary) Pollock, was born on the original homestead in North Strabane Township, Washington County, January 16, 1813, this being the same farm on which his father was born and the land which his grandfather had bought from the Indians. On September 1, 1840, he married Esther McNary, eldest daughter of John and Jane (Hill) McNary. They resided first on the place known as the Alexander Scott farm, which was a part of the original Judge McDowell tract of 440 acres, all of which they later purchased. In the spring of 1858, they moved to Canonsburg, their object being to give their children better educational advantages, and there they passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, namely: James Wallace, Jennie Hill, John McNary, William B., Samuel Murray, Oliver Collins and Alexander Clark.

Samuel Pollock served seven years in the militia and was a member of what was known as the Ginger Hill troops. He was endowed by Nature with a robust frame and with great business capacity and through his energy and industry, combined with business foresight, he succeeded in acquiring land until at the time of his death he was numbered with the wealthiest owners of property

in the county. He filled various public offices with the greatest efficiency and was one of the founders of the Republican party in Washington County. He was one of the committee instrumental in inducing Dr. Le Moynes, of Washington, to make the first abolition speech, at Canonsburg, this oration being delivered from the steps of David Templeton's residence, which Mr. Pollock later purchased and carried on for some years at his own expense, as a female seminary. This building for a time, especially during the campaign of 1856, was the center of much local political activity.

In his youth Samuel Pollock joined the Seceder Church at Pigeon Creek, but after his marriage he united with the Chartiers Seceder, now known as the Chartiers United Presbyterian Congregation at Canonsburg, in which he was elected a ruling elder, February 15, 1854, which office he held during the remainder of his life. When the Chartiers U. P. Church was erected at Canonsburg, in 1869-70, he was the largest contributor. He was the original mover in the organization of the Oak Spring Cemetery Company, and was its first president, serving until his death, which occurred July 4, 1883, in the seventy-first year of his age. His widow survived until November 9, 1890, being then in her seventy-sixth year.

James Wallace Pollock was educated in the common schools and at Jefferson College, leaving his books in August, 1862, to take up arms in defense of his country. His immediate commander was Col. Frazier, formerly a member of the faculty of Jefferson College. He performed every duty required of a good soldier from 1862 until the surrender of Gen. Lee in 1865, being present at that memorable event. After the close of his military service he took charge of the homestead and became one of the most successful agriculturists and breeders of fine stock in this part of Washington County. He continued to live on his farm in North Strabane Township until the spring of 1892, when he removed to Washington, in order to afford his children better advantages, and also that he might more efficiently perform the duties of county commissioner, to which office he had been elected in the fall of 1890.

For about eight years Mr. Pollock has been a member of the Council of East Washington Borough and is chairman of the street committee in that body, his election to the office always being without opposition.

Mr. Pollock was married (first) December 5, 1867, to Miss Mary T. McNary, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Templeton) McNary. She was born January 24, 1848, and died February 7, 1890. The following children were born to this marriage: Fannie Luella, wife of Robert B. Leslie, assistant cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Washington (Mr. Leslie was elected a ruling elder in the Second U. P. Congregation of Wash-

ington, December 11, 1909); Maggie Esther, who resides at home; Ulysses Samuel, who is superintendent of the South Bend, Laporte & Michigan Railway Company and resides at Laporte, Ind.; D. M. B. McLean and Ernest James, who are engaged in the jewelry business at Riverside, Cal.; Harry Edgar, who is deputy prothonotary, of Washington County; Anna McNary, who is the wife of Harry W. Gabby, a shoe merchant at Washington (Mr. Gabby was elected a ruling elder in the First U. P. Congregation, of Washington, December 29, 1909); William Wallace, who is connected with the New Castle, Harmony & Butler Electric Railway, and lives at Evans City, Pa.; Durell Smiley, who is engaged in the shoe business at Canonsburg; and Mary Osee, who is a student in Washington Seminary. Mr. Pollock was married (second) in 1896, to Mrs. Martha Davis Willson. The family home is a commodious residence situated at No. 509 East Chestnut street, Washington.

In early manhood Mr. Pollock became a member of the Chartiers Seceder (now the U. P.) Church and was for many years a trustee of the same and was secretary of the board during the period of the building of the church edifice at Canonsburg.

When the Houston United Presbyterian Congregation was organized Mr. Pollock was elected a ruling elder, which position he filled until after he moved to Washington and became a member of the Second U. P. Congregation of Washington. He is at the present time president of the board of trustees, of which he has been a member for the past fifteen years.

CHARLES E. VAN VOORHIS, who is engaged in general farming, gardening, and dairying on a tract of 245 acres, located about three miles west of Monongahela City, Pa., on the Brownsville Road, has been a life-long resident of Carroll Township, and was born on his present farm, April 25, 1861, and is a son of John Van Voorhis, who was also born in this township, a son of Abraham Van Voorhis, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County.

Charles E. Van Voorhis obtained his educational training at the old stone district school No. 4, and also attended a private school at Monongahela City, after which he assisted with the work on the farm until the time of his marriage, when his father removed to Monongahela City, and our subject has since been engaged in general farming, gardening and dairying on the home place.

Mr. Van Voorhis was married November 10, 1886, to Sallie C. McConnell, who is a daughter of John B. and Henrietta (Wall) McConnell, of Allegheny County, Pa., and to them have been born six children: Glen J., Hazel I., Lula H., Frances M., Gladys E. and Walter R. Mr. Van Voorhis is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in politics.

HON. THOMAS DUNCAN, deceased, who is well remembered by the citizens of Fayette County, Pa., as one of its able and active men, was born in Fayette County and was a son of Arthur Duncan, who was a native of Ireland, but, as the name indicates, was of Scotch ancestry. Arthur Duncan, having been engaged in the contest against England for Irish freedom, found emigration desirable, and came to America late in the eighteenth century and settled in Fayette County, Pa., where he followed his trade of iron worker. He lived in the same county until his death and was survived by eight children.

Thomas Duncan was the eldest of his parents' family. His early advantages were limited but he possessed much native intelligence and mainly through his own efforts became a well educated man. He was a natural leader among men and was frequently called upon to fill official positions of trust and responsibility. Active in public affairs, he was chosen county commissioner of Fayette County and after years of satisfactory service, was elected county judge, in which honorable office he served for ten years. He lived a long and useful life, and was loved and venerated by his fellow citizens. His death occurred at Bridgeport, where he spent his last years, after he had passed his eighty-seventh milestone in life's journey.

In early manhood, Mr. Duncan was married to Priscilla Stevens, who was a woman of great strength of character and one who was active in the benevolent and charitable undertakings of the community. Her beneficent life closed in 1873, at the age of sixty-six years. Her father, Dr. Benjamin Stevens, was a pioneer of Fayette County, who had emigrated from Maryland. He was a physician and surgeon of note and owned and operated also the forge in Fayette County, in which the father of Mr. Duncan was employed for many years. To Thomas and Priscilla Duncan were born the following children: Sophia, now deceased, who was the wife of W. H. Laning; Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Worrell, and now lives at Brownsville, Pa.; W. S., who died in 1892, was a prominent physician; Arthur, who died as he was approaching manhood; and Thomas Jefferson, who is one of Washington's leading citizens.

DAVID R. HORMELL, one of the best known young business men of the Monongahela Valley, a member of the plumbing and general supply firm of Regan & Hormell, conducting establishments at Charleroi and Monessen, Pa., was born on a farm near Centerville, Washington County, Pa., February 12, 1877.

Mr. Hormell comes of old Washington County stock on both sides. His grandfather, Jacob Hormell was one of a party of Quaker pioneers who settled in this county at an early date. The maternal grandfather, John Hannen, was also an early settler, residing near Centerville,

Washington County. There the mother of Mr. Hormell, Mrs. Lena (Hannen) Hormell was born and reared. She married Robert L. Hormell, who was born in Guernsey County, Ohio. They reside at Charleroi, Pa.

After completing his period of school attendance, David R. Hormell worked as a clerk in a grocery store for a short time and then learned the plumbing business, mastering every detail so that he is fully equipped with the knowledge that enables him to meet every emergency in this line of business. He entered into partnership with John P. Regan, in 1902, and they do a large business extending along the river from Monongahela City to Brownsville. They conduct two establishments, one at Charleroi and another at Monessen, keeping a large force of skilled workmen, making a specialty of installing hot water heating plants, while they deal also in heating apparatus, stoves and plumbers' supplies. Mr. Regan resides at Monessen and overlooks the work on that side of the river, while Mr. Hormell attends to the interests of the firm at Charleroi. He was brought to this village January 1, 1891, the place having been laid out in the previous spring. This firm is characterized by its energy, enterprise and thoroughness.

Mr. Hormell married Miss Amelia Sacher, and they have one daughter, Mildred. They have pleasant apartments in the establishment on McKean avenue, in which the business is carried on. Mr. Hormell is identified with the fraternal order of Elks, at Charleroi.

WILLIAM C. McCLELLAND, Litt. D., who fills the chair of English language and literature in Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., and has charge of the memorial library of this noted educational institution, is one of the representative citizens of Washington County. He was born in Jefferson County, Pa., in 1852.

Dr. McClelland remained in Jefferson County through his early school period, later attended Glade Run Academy in Armstrong County, after which he engaged in teaching school and prior to entering Washington and Jefferson College as a student, in 1876-7, he taught in an academy at Chase City, Va., and in 1877-9 at New Alexandria, Pa. He was graduated in the class of 1882, from Washington and Jefferson and then taught in Trinity Academy until 1885, since when he has been a valued member of the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College. He has thus been identified with this institution during its period of greatest usefulness and to it he has devoted the best years of a life of scholarly attainment.

In 1888 Professor McClelland was married to Miss Mary E. Brownlee, a daughter of Rev. John T. Brownlee, D. D., of West Middletown, Washington County. He is an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington, and for many years has been the earnest and illuminating teacher of the Bible class in the Sun-

day school of this congregation. He has delivered many lectures, has traveled extensively and is widely known as an educator and contributor to periodicals on subjects relating to literature and natural history. In 1909 the degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon him by the University of Pittsburg. Professor McClelland has a certain poetic vein which, although brief, is always spirited, as is shown by those stirring little verses, "Did You Ever Hear John Henry Jones Declaim?"

LEMAN MCCARRELL, a respected citizen and retired farmer, who lives on his valuable farm of 183 acres, situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this place, March 24, 1836. His father was Thomas McCarrell and his grandfather was Lodowick McCarrell.

Lodowick McCarrell was born in Ireland and came to America and settled at Hickory, Pa., in early manhood. He conducted a store there for some years, obtaining his supplies from Philadelphia, which city he frequently visited, making the trip, which usually consumed eight days, on horseback. After he sold the store and acquired 418 acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Township, he settled on a farm that adjoins the one now owned by his grandson, Leman McCarrell, and remained there until his death, which occurred January 1, 1851. He was a member and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. He owned 600 acres of land in Washington County at the time of his death and in those days, was considered a very wealthy man. He married Martha Leman, who died several years before her husband. She often told her descendants of the time she walked through the native brush on the present site of the city of Washington, Pa. They had seven children: John, James, Thomas, Andrew, Leman, Isabella and Elizabeth.

Thomas McCarrell, father of Leman McCarrell was born at Ten-Mile, Washington County, attended the early schools as opportunity presented and grew to manhood as his father's helper on the home farm. After his first marriage he settled on the farm which his son Leman now owns and lived here all his life. He was a man of sterling character and took an active part in public matters and was honored and respected by his fellow citizens. In politics he was a strong Democrat. During one term he served as county commissioner and he was also associate judge. He married (first) Margaret McNary, of Cross Creek Township, a member of a pioneer family there, and four children were born to them: John, Martha, Margaret and James. John McCarrell, who died January 19, 1891, was a physician and resided at Wellsville, Ohio. James McCarrell, who was also a physician, lived on the north side of Pittsburg, and died July 4, 1900. The second marriage of Thomas

McCarrell was to Elizabeth McConaughy, a daughter of David McConaughy, of a prominent Mt. Pleasant Township family, and four children were born to that union: David, who was a physician and practiced for thirty years at Hickory, died November 13, 1894; Leman; Loudy, who graduated at Jefferson College, was an attorney and practiced for twenty-five years at Washington, Pa., and died April 23, 1902; and Alexander, who is a minister and resides at Stewart, Pa. The third marriage was with Margaret Martin, a daughter of William Martin, of Canonsburg, to which there was no issue.

Leman McCarrell attended the district schools in Mt. Pleasant Township and later taught school very acceptably for two winters, in Canton Township, after which he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, his home having always been on this farm. With the exception of about twenty acres of woodland, the land is all under a fine state of cultivation. The coal has been sold and the two gas wells are not now producing. Mr. McCarrell has turned over his responsibilities to his son, Thomas McCarrell, who operates the farm very successfully.

Mr. McCarrell married Miss Ellen Donaldson, who died in April, 1903. She was a daughter of Andrew Donaldson, of Mt. Pleasant Township. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarrell: Elizabeth, who married S. A. McCalmont; Ella W., who married A. A. Taggart; Etta, who died when aged eighteen years; Donaldson, who has been a popular school teacher in Mt. Pleasant Township for a number of years, married Mary McBurney; Anna, who married Walker Dinsmore, of Jefferson County, Ohio; and Thomas, who married Estella Taggart, of Hopewell Township. Mr. McCarrell has been identified with the Democratic party all his mature life. He belongs to the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

JOHN W. FROST, a prominent citizen of Somerset Township, whose fine farm of 152 acres is situated in School District No. 4, of which he is a director, three and one-half miles northwest of Bentleyville, in Washington County, was born at Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., June 22, 1859, a son of John Wesley and Rachel (Arrell) Frost.

John Wesley Frost died when his son John W., was only four years old. His mother subsequently married Andrew McIlvaine, an uncle of Judge McIlvaine, who is prominently identified with the bar of Washington County, and the farm now owned by Mr. Frost is the old McIlvaine farm. He was nine years old when he accompanied his mother and step-father here and this has been his home ever since. Mr. McIlvaine died in January, 1897, and was survived by his widow until July 2, 1901, she then being seventy-one years of age.



Mr. Frost obtained his education in the country schools and in his business life has always been a farmer. He owns what is very generally regarded as one of the best improved farms of Somerset Township. He makes a specialty of raising cattle and horses, and sheep of the Black Top breed, and his flocks are some of the finest in the county.

In early manhood, Mr. Frost married Miss Mary E. Huffman, and they have had three children: Bessie, who died when a babe of three months; John Merle, who is a popular teacher in the West Bethlehem Township schools; and Thomas, who died when aged seventeen years. Mr. Frost is a staunch Democrat. He is one of the directors of the Bentleyville National Bank.

Mrs. Scott belongs to one of the oldest settled families of Somerset Township. The first of the family to come here was Rudolph Huffman, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Frost and of Mrs. A. T. Scott. He was born in Germany and when a young man emigrated to America and soon located in Somerset Township, at a time when there were many Indians living here. They were very hostile and the wife of Rudolph Huffman was killed by one of these savages, with a bow and arrow. It is related that she went to the top of the hill on the farm and from an opposite hill the Indian shot her. The parents of Mrs. Frost were Joseph and Malinda (Eagye) Huffman. Joseph Huffman was a son of Joseph Huffman and a grandson of Rudolph Huffman. The mother of Mrs. Frost was born in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, near Bentleyville, a daughter of Simon Eagye, a native of Ohio. Joseph Huffman was born November 14, 1829, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. T. Scott, in Somerset Township, September 10, 1909, when aged almost eighty years. His wife died January 9, 1893. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living. Few families in Somerset Township have stood in higher public esteem than the Huffmans.

LOUIS VOYE, who, as the genial owner and proprietor of the McDonald Hotel, at McDonald, Pa., is known to the traveling public and to a large number of his fellow citizens, most favorably, was born at Elizabeth, in Allegheny County, Pa., June 16, 1879. His parents are Joseph and Clementine (Reboul) Voyer.

The parents of Mr. Voyer reside at McDonald, which is also the home of a number of their children, the latter being: Joseph; Marie, who is the wife of August Valentin; Louisa, who is the wife of R. D. Thomas; Valeria, who is the wife of Thomas Reynolds; Louis; Alphonse; Marcelan; Charles; Remy and Emma.

Louis Voyer was educated in the schools of Elizabeth and Carnegie and the Iron City Commercial College. Prior to entering into the hotel business in December,

1905, he had been connected with several business houses in a clerical capacity. He conducts a first-class house and enjoys at liberal amount of patronage.

In 1907, Mr. Voyer was married to Miss Mae Beatty, a daughter of George and Alice (Barton) Beatty. Mrs. Voyer has one brother, Benjamin, and a half-brother, George Beatty, her father having contracted a second marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Voyer are members of the Catholic Church. In politics, he is a Republican.

Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 30, L. O. O. M., of McDonald; Lodge No. 76, F. O. E., of Pittsburg, Pa.; and to La Solidarite, a French organization, of McDonald.

J. DALLAS JACKSON, who passed from this life February 22, 1903, was closely identified for many years with the manufacturing interests of Washington, founding and successfully conducting a carriage and wagon building establishment together with blacksmithing, which was then the largest enterprise of its kind in Washington County. He was born in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., April 13, 1840, and was a son of John and Margaret (Matthews) Jackson.

The paternal grandfather, James Jackson, came to Hanover Township from eastern Pennsylvania, and after that followed an agricultural life. He was one of the early promoters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this section.

John Jackson, father of J. Dallas, was born in Hanover Township in 1808, and for many years he carried on agricultural pursuits on a farm adjoining the one on which he was born. Later he sold his land and retired to the village of Florence and there spent the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Matthews, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and they had five children, namely: Martha J., Andrew M., J. Dallas, Horatio C., and Sarah J.

J. Dallas Jackson had few educational advantages in his youth, according to modern ideas, for he was only fourteen years old when his books had to be put aside and he became an apprentice to the trade of carriage building in the big shops, as they then appeared to him, of S. B. & C. Hayes, at Washington. He completed his apprenticeship there and remained with that firm for sixteen years, after which he worked at the same at Wheeling, W. Va., for Edward Hayes, but remained in that section but fifteen months. In 1874 he embarked in the business at Washington which he developed into so important an enterprise and he carried it on with such industry and good judgment, enlarging his facilities as the growing trade demanded, until his establishment exceeded any other in its line in the county. He became known as a shrewd and able business man and also one

whose honesty was never questioned in any business transaction.

On January 8, 1859, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Mary E. Miller, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Wolf) Miller. The father of Mrs. Jackson was born near Baltimore, Md., November 22, 1819, and was one of a family of sixteen children born to his parents who were Charles and Elizabeth (Goettman) Miller. Grandfather Miller was a native of Germany and was a weaver by trade and he worked at that until he came to Washington County in 1827, when he opened an inn, which he conducted until his death in 1846. The father of Mrs. Jackson learned the tinner's trade and worked at that until 1844, when he went into the roofing and stove business and continued in the same for forty years. He prospered greatly and became one of Washington's most substantial business men. He was one of the incorporators first of the Gas Company of Washington, and later of the Natural Gas Company. He was greatly attached to the Methodist Church and enjoyed membership for a long period. In 1840 he was united in marriage with Sarah Wolf, a daughter of Simon Wolf, and to them eleven children were born. All of these who survive are numbered with the most respected people of the sections in which they find their homes, honoring in their lives the good parents who bore and reared them.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson a family was born, there being eight survivors: James W., Sarah M., Jacob, John, Ella, Emma, Daisy and Joseph D. James W. Jackson resides at Los Angeles, Cal. Sarah M. Jackson married Anthony De Normandie, and they live in Hollywood, Cal. They have three children: Jennie, who married Frank Kiner, of Salt Lake City, and they have one son, Penrose Kiner; and Herbert and Harry. Jacob Jackson resides at Waynesburg, Pa. John Jackson resides at Washington. He married Ora Husted, of Wheeling, W. Va., and they have two children, Helen and Elizabeth. Ella Jackson married M. M. Curry, of Washington, Pa., and they have two children, Edith and Esther. Emma Jackson married Charles MacGinnis, a leading clothing merchant at Washington. Daisy, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, married Harry Whiting, of Washington, and they have one child, Lucile. Joseph D. Jackson, the youngest son, resides at home with his mother.

JOSEPH S. ROTH, manager of the H. Roth Brewery, at Monongahela City, Pa., which was established by his father in 1893, was born August 17, 1879, and is a son of Andrew and Helena (Scholbrock) Roth.

Andrew Roth was born and reared in Germany, where he learned brewing. He came to America in early manhood and settled at Pittsburg, Pa., where he became one of the foremost brew-masters of the south side. After

working in a brewery for a number of years he then turned his attention to the ice business in which he was engaged for ten years in the same city, after which he retired until 1893, when he came to Monongahela City and purchased the old Monongahela brewery, which he continued to operate under that name for some years. After his death, in 1896, at the age of fifty-five years, the license was transferred to his widow, Mrs. Helena Roth, who is still owner of the business which is managed by her son, Joseph S. Roth. The brewery plant covers an area of twenty-two acres, in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa. In 1905 an artificial ice plant was installed, which has an output of eight tons every twenty-four hours. The brewery has a capacity of 15,000 barrels a year, the special brand being, Gold Crown Beer, although large quantities of ale and porter are also manufactured. In 1909 the plant was greatly damaged by fire, but was again rebuilt and business continued.

Andrew Roth was married at Pittsburg to Helena Scholbrock, who was born in that city, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of Philip Zorn; Anna, who is the wife of E. C. Leech; Christina, who is the wife of John Baxter; Joseph S.; Rosina, who is the wife of John J. Conway; Frederick and Andrew J.

Joseph S. Roth was reared at Pittsburg and there attended the common schools. He came to Monongahela City with his father in 1893 and learned the brewing trade with him and since the latter's death has been manager of the H. Roth Brewery of Monongahela City. Mr. Roth is a staunch Republican and a member of several of the leading fraternal organizations.

Joseph S. Roth was married in February, 1901, to Susan Weinson, who was born in Germany and came to this country in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have two children: Andrew M. and Helen V.

WILBUR SEYMOUR SHEPLER, one of the leading real estate dealers and a director of the Citizens' Gas Company of Monongahela, was born October 4, 1858, in his father's hotel at Monongahela City, Pa., and is a son of James P. and Sarah J. (Teeters) Shepler, and a grandson of Philip Shepler, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County.

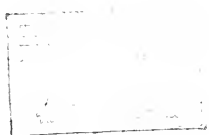
James P. Shepler was born on a farm on Peters Creek, Washington County, and during his early life was engaged as a blacksmith and also dealt largely in live stock, especially sheep, which he took to Texas to dispose of. He subsequently conducted the old Shepler House, now known as the Commercial Hotel, for a period of thirty years, and was a man of public spirit and enterprise, ever ready to give assistance to any movement which tended toward the advancement of Monongahela



ANDREW ROTH



JOSEPH S. ROTH



City. His death occurred here in 1892, and he was survived by his widow, a native of this county, and a daughter of Abraham Teeters, who was also one of the pioneers of Washington County. Five children were born to James and Sarah Shepler: Josephine, first married I. B. Miller, after whose death she was united to a Mr. Brown, also deceased; Wilbur S., the subject of this sketch; and Lillian M., who is the wife of S. S. Carmack.

Wilbur S. Shepler grew to manhood in Monongahela City, where he attended the common schools, later the Normal School at California, Pa., the Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., and the College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia. Upon the completion of his education, Mr. Shepler opened and conducted for three years a drug store in the Brown block at Monongahela City, then disposed of the drug business to S. C. Markell, and went to California, where for nine years he ran a fruit and stock farm, and during that time was foreman of construction for the Southern Pacific Railroad. At the beginning of the Spanish-American war, he went to Washington, where he became a member of Co. O, 10th Regt., with which he went to Manila, where he served until the company returned to the United States.

In politics, Mr. Shepler is an adherent of the Democratic party, and is at present a member of the city council. His fraternal affiliations are with the B. P. O. E., and the F. O. E. orders, and also with Camp John C. Gregg, of which he is chaplain.

Mr. Shepler was married November 11, 1880, to Carrie L. Seymour, a daughter of Thomas J. and Maria (Barton) Seymour, who comes of an old established family of Meadville, Pa. They have one child, James C. Shepler. The family resides in a comfortable home at No. 513 Jackson street.

CHARLES C. VAN KIRK, a retired merchant, who purchased and located on his present property in South Strabane Township, in September, 1903, was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., October 10, 1843. His parents were Ralph and Sarah (Cooper) Van Kirk.

Ralph Van Kirk, was born in Washington County, Pa., December 27, 1815, the third in a family of four sons and three daughters born to Arthur Van Kirk and Elizabeth (Parkinson) Van Kirk, the others being: Asher, who died in Ohio; Edward, who died in Greene County, Pa.; William, who died in Amwell Township; Lucretia, who married David Bireh; Emma, who was the wife of John Cooper; and Mary, wife of Robert Woods. Ralph Van Kirk was a leading citizen of West Bethlehem Township for many years and for six years served as one of the directors of the Washington County Home. His death occurred at his residence on East Maiden street,

Washington, January 1, 1900, and his burial was in the Washington Cemetery. On November 11, 1841, he married Sarah Cooper, a daughter of Sylvanus and Elizabeth (Brayant) Cooper, and they had the following children: Charles C.; Mary Jane, who married George McElree, a resident of East Washington, and they had three children—H. Winnett, who is principal of the Ingram schools, Nellie B., who is a teacher in the Sixth Ward of Washington, and Ralph, who died at the age of twelve years; Ellen E., who married J. M. Weygandt; and Addison, who died when one year old. Mrs. Van Kirk resides with her daughter, Mrs. Weygandt, in Amwell Township.

Charles C. Van Kirk attended school in West Bethlehem Township and later was a student in the State Normal School at California, and also Washington and Jefferson College, after which he taught school for several terms, in Washington County. Later he became a commercial traveler for a Pittsburg firm in the gents' furnishings line. Following his marriage he embarked in the mercantile business at Scenery Hill and during his commercial life there, had, as a patron of his store on one occasion, no less distinguished a person than President Grant. From Scenery Hill, Mr. Van Kirk came to Washington and for a time was a clerk in the Smith dry goods store, after which he went into the furniture and undertaking business, under the firm style of Van Kirk & Co. For a number of years he was a representative business man of Washington. From that he became a commercial traveler, continuing until he came to his present place.

Mr. Van Kirk was married March 15, 1869, to Miss Elizabeth F. Gambell, a daughter of Levi and Barbara A. Weygandt) Gambell. She was born on a farm of 265 acres, located at the head of Pigeon Creek. Her father bought the property from George V. Lawrence, and resided on it until his death, December 18, 1891. Levi Gambell was born on a farm near Pigeon Creek, in Somerset Township, and was a son of Samuel and Eunice (Westfall) Gambell, the latter of whom was born on land that is now included in the city of New York. Levi Gambell married Barbara A. Weygandt, who was born near Monongahela City, and died in December, 1905. They were both interred in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Cemetery. Levi Gambell was a farmer all his life, and was a man of considerable prominence in his section, a leading Democrat and frequently elected to township offices. To Levi Gambell and wife three daughters were born: Elizabeth F., Eunice A. and Rebecca J. Eunice A., who died November 10, 1903, and was buried at Beallsville, Pa., was the wife of A. M. Roberts, of South Strabane Township, and the mother of three children: Levi Calvin Roberts, who married Belle Hottman; Oliver, who married Belle Hallam; and

Donna Irene. Rebecca J. married Eli U. Ross, and they reside on Locust street, Washington. They have four children: Ada, who married Prof. Herron; Frank L., who married Margaret Condit; Charles, who married Maude Shippe; and Harry, unmarried, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk had one daughter, Dora G. Her death occurred March 20, 1883, from typhoid fever, and her burial was in the Washington Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Van Kirk are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is very active and is a charter member of the Isaac Sharp Bible class. In politics, he is a Republican.

H. H. HILL, M. D., physician and surgeon, who has been in active practice at Charleroi, Pa., with well appointed quarters at No. 518 Fallowfield avenue, since August, 1905, located here immediately after his graduation from the Homeopathic College, of Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Hill was born at Indiana, Pa., April 23, 1853, and is a son of D. A. and Rebecca Hill.

In his childhood, the parents of Dr. Hill removed from Indiana to Jeanette, in Westmoreland County. There he secured an excellent grammar school education, and in 1901 was graduated from the Jeanette high school. Before he completed his medical course he was married at Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Agnes B. Allen, of Sharon, Pa., who, at that time, was a student in college in that city. Dr. Hill enjoys an excellent practice, being the only physician of the Homeopathic school in Charleroi and one of the few who have located in the Monongahela Valley.

JAMES S. McCARTNEY, M. D., of Washington, Pa., son of Jacob McCartney, a prominent merchant and manufacturer, of Apollo, Pa., was born May 12, 1832. He received his literary education at Elders Ridge and Indiana academies, studied medicine under Dr. David Alter, of Freeport, Pa., and was graduated at Jefferson Medical College in 1856. He was associated the first year after his graduation with Dr. James M. Taylor, of Indiana, Pa., and afterwards located at Tarentum, Pa., where he continued in practice until his removal to Washington, Pa., in 1898. In Tarentum, he also invested in real estate, and was the organizer and president of the First National Bank and trustee of the glass works, and was guardian and trustee for different individuals and executor and administrator for several estates. He was married July 21, 1857, to Miss Lizzie J. Bovard, a daughter of William C. Bovard, banker, of Du Bois, Pa. His children are Mary M., Alice B., James S., Jane E., and Ada S.

HOWARD F. HUMPHRIES, deputy coroner of Washington County, Pa., has been in business at McDonald,

Pa., for five years, engaged as undertaker and embalmer and also conducting a livery stable, and is one of the borough's enterprising and progressive men. He was born in England, January 19, 1868, and is a son of Robert and Anna (Guy) Humphries.

The Humphries family came to America in 1868 and settled at Scottdale, in Westmoreland County, Pa., where the father died in 1902. The mother continues to reside there and is in her seventy-fifth year. The children of the family were as follows: E. A., who is a coke and coal operator at Uniontown and Latrobe, Pa.; Reuben J., who is an operator at Uniontown; Albert E., who died in 1900, was an operator at Dunbar, Pa.; and Howard F. The maternal great-grandfather was Thomas Guy, the founder of the great Guy Hospital, in London, England.

Prior to coming to McDonald, Mr. Humphries was a prominent citizen of Rockwood, Somerset County, Pa., where he served six years as Burgess and he is still identified with the M. W. A., at that point. When he came first to McDonald he was a member of the firm of McCabe & Humphries, which bought out Williams & Wallace, and continued for one year, since which Mr. Humphries has been alone. He is an active and interested citizen and when his present term as a member of the borough council shall expire, he will have served for three years and with much value to the community.

On August 20, 1891, Mr. Humphries was married to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Fraser, whose parents were residents of Wellsville, Ohio. They have two children: Enid Elizabeth and Kenneth Guy Fraser, both of whom are very bright students in the McDonald schools. Mr. and Mrs. Humphries are members of the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, F. and A. M., and the Knights of Pythias, both at McDonald; the Knights of Malta, at West Newton; and the Eagles, at Sturgeon, Pa. Like his father, he has always been affiliated with the Republican party.

OLIVER O. HORNBAKE, who is a resident of California, Pa., but whose business interests are at Coal Center, Pa., is senior member of the well known lumber and building contracting firm of Hornbake Bros., where the firm has been established since 1877. Oliver O. Hornbake was born in what is now Coal Center, but at that time was known as Greenfield, Washington County, Pa., March 11, 1848, and is a son of George W. and Hannah (Rothwell) Hornbake.

After completing his school attendance, Mr. Hornbake learned the carpenter trade and after finishing his apprenticeship, worked as a journeyman, and since 1877, as a building contractor. In the fall of 1874 he accompanied his parents to California, and there he has resided





JOSIAH M. PATTERSON



ever since. He is associated in business at Coal Center, where the firm has large lumber yards and offices, with his brother, George S. Hornbake.

Oliver O. Hornbake married Miss Jennie W. Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson, formerly a well known citizen of Washington County, where she was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbake have had five children: Herbert O., who married Anna Drumm, has one child, Herbert; Leslie W. Hornbake; Ethel, who is the wife of J. H. Kinsey, has one child, Ruth Kinsey; Anna B. Hornbake, who died when aged six years and six months; and Earl R. Hornbake. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church at California, of which Mr. Hornbake is a trustee.

GEORGE WASHINGTON GILMORE, a general merchant and one of the leading and highly respected citizens of Donora, Pa., has been a resident of Washington County since 1865, and was born March 25, 1850, at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of John and Susan (Spargo) Gilmore.

John Gilmore, for many years a resident of Pittsburg, was a wagon maker by trade and ran a shop on the corner of Elm and Fifth streets for a number of years. He subsequently purchased a small steambout, called the Miner, and engaged in boating on the river until the time of his death at the age of seventy-five years. He became the owner of seven steamboats, over 100 barges, and in connection with his boating had 232 acres of coal land under operation, 167 acres of which form a part of the present site of Donora. After his death the business was continued by his son, James Gilmore. He married Susan Spargo, a native of England, who came to this country with her parents at the age of six years, and died at Donora at the age of seventy-two years. Of their union were born the following children: Mary Ann, married Henry B. Benzell, and both are deceased; James, deceased; Susanna, is the widow of Gilbert Bake; William H., deceased; John, deceased; Frank; Amelia, deceased wife of John F. Thomas; and George Washington, the subject of this sketch.

George W. Gilmore was reared in Pittsburg, and when a young man engaged in steamboating with his father for ten years, and when about nineteen years of age became manager of his father's business at Donora. They disposed of their coal interests about 1885, since which time Mr. Gilmore has been successfully engaged in conducting a general store at Donora. He is one of the oldest business men, in point of residence, of Donora, the Gilmores having been one of the first families to engage in business in this community. He is the owner of considerable real estate in the town, and also owns a tract of fine farming land in Carroll Township.

In January, 1871, Mr. Gilmore married Mary Gilmore,

a cousin, and a daughter of Noah Gilmore, and of their union were born nine children, of whom but five are still living: Samuel, who married Mary Behanna; and Walter, Edgar, James and Susanna. In politics, Mr. Gilmore is a Republican and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is superintendent of the Gilmore Cemetery and also of the Donora Cemetery at Donora.

MRS. MELISSA E. PLYMIRE, one of South Strabane Township's most respected and esteemed ladies, resides on her valuable farm of 164 acres which is situated three and one-half miles east of Washington, Pa. She is the widow of Andrew G. Plymire and a daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Binnbarger) Harshman.

Jacob Harshman was born in Washington County, Pa., and for many years followed farming in Buffalo Township, where he died. Of the children born to him and his wife, the following are living: Mary Jane (Metzler) in Logan County, Ohio; Rachel A. (Jenkins), lives in Wolfstown; Mrs. Plymire; and Jacob Harshman, who lives in Buffalo Township on the old home place.

The late Andrew G. Plymire was born on the present farm of his widow, July 12, 1833, and died here July 24, 1907, and was buried in the Washington Cemetery. He was a son of John and Barbara (Gantz) Plymire, and was one of the leading farmers and citizens of this section. He made many improvements on the farm and built the present comfortable farm residence. In politics he was a Democrat and for several years he was elected to the office of road supervisor. Mr. Plymire was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington, to which Mrs. Plymire also belongs. He married Melissa E. Harshman, December 19, 1867, and they have had six children: an infant who was still born; Harry C.; Walter W.; Boyd H.; Samuel J., who married Birdie Dillie and has two children—Carl M. and Pauline; and Alvin, who married Ida Belle Denson, deceased.

In connection with farming, Mrs. Plymire and her sons carry on an extensive dairy business and sell at retail through Washington, handling many quarts of milk daily and numbering many of the best people of the borough as their customers.

JOSIAH M. PATTERSON, a representative citizen and a prominent member of the Washington bar, was born in Morris Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of the late Robert Finley Patterson.

The Patterson family was established in Washington County, by the great grandfather, who came from York County, Pa., about the year 1790, and settled in what is now East Finley Township, and was one of the pioneers of that section. Robert Patterson, one of his sons and the grandfather of the present subject, was at

that time a small boy of about seven years of age. After his marriage he purchased a tract of land in Morris Township, on which he lived until his death, and on which one of his grandsons, John Bryant Patterson, resides at the present time.

Robert Finley Patterson, son of Robert and father of Josiah M., was born on the old homestead farm in 1830. He married Lydia Clemens, a daughter of William Clemens, who was born and raised in Virginia. To this union were born the following children: Josiah M.; Clara A., who is the wife of John Reed, of Washington, Pa.; John Bryant, who married Miss Minnie Little; and Cora A., who is the wife of D. B. Ross, of Morris Township.

Josiah M. Patterson obtained his primary education in the country schools, after which he attended Waynesburg College, where he graduated in 1879 with honors, he being the valedictorian of his class.

After his graduation he entered upon the study of law with the firm of Ray & Axtell at Waynesburg, Greene County, Pa., and was admitted to the bar of that county. Shortly thereafter he entered the office of McCracken & McIlvaine, of Washington, Pa., as a student at law, the course of study there being more extended than at the bar in Greene County, and continued the study of law under his new preceptors. He was admitted to the Washington County bar in June, 1882, and began the practice of law the first of the following September at that place, where he has been in continuous practice ever since.

Mr. Patterson has won the right to practice in all the State and Federal Courts, and has handled cases of great importance, always taking jealous care of the interests of his clients. He has a reputation for honesty and ability that places him among the leading lawyers of the Washington County bar.

In politics he is a Democrat, and as he is thoroughly imbued with the principles on which the Democratic party is founded and for which it stands, and having a firm belief, too, in the ultimate triumph of those principles, he has always been one of its most loyal and most hearty supporters. He has served different times on the school board, and was a candidate for district attorney on the Democratic ticket in 1892, and a candidate for judge of the several courts in Washington County, on the same ticket in 1905. As the county is overwhelmingly Republican, the nomination for office is the highest honor the Democratic party can confer on any of its members.

Mr. Patterson married Miss Annie Craft, a daughter of David Craft, Sr., late of Morris Township. They have one daughter, Winona Pearl, the wife of Edmund E. Robb, at present a student in the Theological Seminary at Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Patterson and his wife are

members of the First Baptist Church in Washington, he being a member of the official board of that church. He is also a member of the Heptasophs and of the Masonic fraternity. He has been eminently successful in business, and his career is simply another instance of what a young man who is thrown upon his own resources can accomplish by decision, pluck and perseverance.

WILLIAM BRUCE, who has been proprietor of the Stockdale Hotel at Stockdale, Pa., since December 19, 1905, was born August 24, 1862, in a coal mining town near Fayette City, Pa., and is a son of Alexander and Debora Ann Bruce. The father, who in early life was a miner and river boatman, later engaged in farming and gardening on a farm near Stockdale, Pa., where he resided until 1905, when he came to live with his son at the Stockdale Hotel, where his death occurred in July, 1906. The mother died in 1873.

William Bruce spent his youth on the farm, learned carpentering and contract building, which he followed until he became identified with the Central Hotel, at Roscoe, Pa., where he spent about eighteen months, and in December, 1905, came to Stockdale, Pa., where he has since been successfully engaged in managing his hotel. Mr. Bruce served six years as burgess of the borough of Roscoe, and also served as a member of the council and as assessor. He is now one of the directors of the Stockdale school board, and is fraternally connected with the Knights of Pythias, the United Mechanics, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Royal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Bruce has never married.

JAMES C. HARPER, one of McDonald's representative business men, who has been engaged in the real estate and insurance line here since 1894, was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., April 5, 1839, and is a son of John and Ellen Jane (Wallace) Harper. His paternal grandparents were Robert and Tamer (Johnston) Harper, the former of whom was born in County Down, Ireland, and the latter in Pennsylvania, east of the Alleghany Mountains. His maternal grandparents were Robert and Ellen Jane Wallace, who were born in County Down, Ireland.

John Harper was a man well and widely known. He was a farmer by occupation, and was very active in establishing schools and churches in his neighborhood, and was one of the builders of the Seceder Church at Hous-ton. He was married (first) to a Miss Denny, and they had four children: Robert, Susannah, Tamer Ann, and William, the latter of whom died November 28, 1909. He was married (second) to a Miss Miller, who died after the birth of their son, Matthew. His third marriage was to Ellen Jane Wallace, a most estimable woman, a member of the United Presbyterian Church. To this

union the following children were born: James C.; Mary Ann, who married William J. Carey; Tamer Jane, who married Milton McClain; Ellen M., who married Joseph Hunter; Margaret, who died aged twenty-three years; John, who married Miss E. J. Culbick; Elizabeth Agnes, who married Samuel Reed; and Dapellia, who is unmarried.

James C. Harper's school attendance was over by the time he was seventeen years of age, after which he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he settled at McDonald. For twenty-three years of this period, he engaged in farming in Kansas. He enlisted August 8, 1862, in Co. G, 123rd Pa. Vol. Inf., and his service as a soldier during the Civil War entitles him to honorable membership in the Thomas Espy Post, G. A. R., at Carnegie, Pa. In his political sentiments, he is a Republican.

In 1875, Mr. Harper was married to Miss Leah C. Bell, a daughter of Edward A. and Leah Bell, of Dickinson County, Kas., all of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Harper is survived not only by her husband but by four children, namely: Leah Ellen, who is the wife of L. Y. McFarland; and Elizabeth E., Ethel E. and William J., all of whom reside at home. Mr. Harper served three years on the board of health at McDonald. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

HENRY STORK, a substantial and representative citizen of Finleyville, Pa., where he has held offices of a public character for a number of years and has given efficient service in all of them, was born in Germany, January 14, 1839, and came to America when sixteen years of age. He is one of the two children born to his parents, who were John and Christina (Wentzel) Stork.

John Stork learned the shoemaking trade in Germany and followed it as his business through life. He married in his native land and remained there until after his son, Henry Stork, had emigrated to America, when he followed with his wife and daughter, Mary, who later became the wife of George Schaffer and both she and husband are now deceased. John Stork and family lived in the 16th Ward, Pittsburg, where he died. His widow survived some years and died at the home of her son Henry.

When Henry Stork came to the United States, there were no fast steaming ships as at present. The vessel on which he crossed the ocean took forty days to make the voyage, but he was landed safely and as soon as possible joined his uncle, John King, who was a farmer east of Pittsburg. He worked on the farm for several years and then became gardener for the late Frank Gordon, then cashier of a bank at Pittsburg, who had large grounds that required careful cultivation. Mr. Stork remained with that employer until the Civil War broke out, in

1861, when he enlisted for three months in Co. 1, 3rd Pa. Vol. Inf., but he was shortly afterward prostrated with typhoid fever. When he recovered he was given a place at the government arsenal at Pittsburg, where he remained until it was closed. He is one of the four surviving members of Maj. Gaston Post, G. A. R., and ever since the war has taken an interest in Grand Army matters. After he returned from military service, he cultivated a garden at Bloomfield, which is now included in the Sixteenth Ward of Pittsburg, for five years, then bought a small farm in Allegheny County, which he later sold and on September 22, 1882, came to Finleyville. For many years following, Mr. Stork worked in the Florshime coal mine. On May 1, 1896, he was appointed police constable, an office newly created at Finleyville, and he served for nine years and then resigned. He has filled numerous other offices, for four years was street commissioner, has been assessor, and at present is serving as tax collector and constable. He has acquired property here, owns at least six dwelling houses and has all his interests centered in this borough, where so many of his useful years have been spent.

Mr. Stork was married when he was twenty-four years of age to Anna Nüttel, who was the mother of seven children, two of whom died young. The others were: Christina, Lavina, William, Margaret and Ann. William is deceased. Mr. Stork was married (second), in October, 1878, to Catherine Miller, who was the widow of John C. Miller, and a daughter of Peter Jung. She had three children: George, Catherine and Margaret Miller, and to the second marriage four children were born: John, Henry K., Rosalie and Carrie. Mr. Stork is a Republican. He is identified with the Knights of Pythias.

HARPER BROS., manufacturers and dealers in harness, horse blankets, etc., at Charleroi, Pa., with business quarters at No. 321 McKean avenue, have been established in this borough since 1898. The firm is made up of C. H. and William E. Harper. Both were born and reared in Franklin County, Pa., and are sons of J. and Lydia E. Harper.

Both parents of the Harper brothers died in Franklin County. The father was a well known manufacturer of carriages, buggies, harness, etc., at Green Castle, and his sons learned the harnessmaking trade with him and subsequently went into partnership with him, the firm style being J. Harper & Sons, the latter being William E., C. H., and W. P. Harper. W. P. Harper was one of the original firm of Harper Bros., of Charleroi. His death occurred November 11, 1906. After the father's estate was settled up, the sons decided to locate at Charleroi and established themselves first in the opera house block, where they continued for six years and then erected their present substantial brick block, completing the

same in May, 1904, which they have occupied ever since. In November, 1909, they sold the building to the fraternal order of Eagles, who have their lodge rooms here.

William E. Harper married Miss Josephine Clara Riley, a daughter of J. C. Riley, of the firm of Morris & Riley, of Carlisle, Pa. William E. Harper is identified with the Odd Fellows.

C. H. Harper married Miss Jennie M. Husk, a daughter of Isaac Husk. Mrs. Harper was born at Coal Center, Pa., where C. H. Harper and family reside. They have one son, Arthur Vernon. C. H. Harper is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Turners. Neither member of the firm of Harper Bros., is an aggressive politician, but both are active and interested in all public measures.

ALEXANDER McKINLEY, deceased, who was closely identified with the early business interests of Washington, in which he continued as an active participant until 1886, was born in Washington borough, January 4, 1817, and was a son of Alexander and Hettie (Jones) McKinley.

Family annals tell of the settlement of Samuel McKinley, the grandfather, in North Strabane Township before the land was divided and that he built his log cabin in the deep woods. He married a daughter of Thomas Scott, who was the first probonotary and the first representative to Congress from Washington County. Samuel McKinley and wife reared several children. One son, Samuel, moved to Ohio. The other, Alexander, remained in Washington County, where he subsequently married Hettie Jones. Her father, Abednego Jones came to Washington County from Philadelphia. He was in that city during its occupation by the British, by whom he was imprisoned on the accusation of being a spy. He had the good fortune to be subsequently released and came to Washington County, where he passed the remainder of his life. He and his wife had ten children, one of whom was the late Alexander McKinley, of Washington.

Alexander McKinley, though not destined for a professional life, was afforded an excellent education, attending Washington College, in his native borough. He subsequently became a jeweler, for which occupation he possessed in high degree the mathematical sense, the accurate eye and the delicate power of manipulation which it demands. In 1840 he opened his own store, founding the business which has been continued uninterrupted for the past sixty-nine years. When he retired in 1886, he was succeeded by his son, F. B. McKinley. During this long period in business, Mr. McKinley maintained the high standard of work which was an index of his personal character, the leading characteristics of which were honesty and reliability. In various ways he was asso-

ciated with his fellow citizens at different times and not only in the material development of Washington was his influence felt, but also in those movements for the better and higher things of life. He was charitable and benevolent, kind and neighborly and ever accepted and performed the full responsibilities of citizenship. In early years he was a Whig but later became a Republican. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On April 27, 1852, Alexander McKinley was married to Miss Margaret D. Hayes, who died in 1871. She was a native of West Granby, Conn., born May 15, 1829. Mr. McKinley married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bailey, of Wheeling, W. Va., who was born Sept. 10, 1829, at Norfolk, England. His eight children, all born of the first union were as follows: Frances E., born June 28, 1853, died February 15, 1905; Thomas H., born January 7, 1855; Lucian W., born January 5, 1857; Frank B., born April 26, 1860; Alice, born November 15, 1862, died December 31, 1863; Ella Wiley, born August 6, 1865, died September 9, 1871; Alexander, Jr., born January 22, 1868, died September 4, 1871; Samuel W., born March 27, 1870, died January 7, 1907. Of those who are living, Thomas H. McKinley is an optician of Greensburg, Pa., Lucian W., a physician at Columbus, Ohio, and Frank B., jeweler at Washington, Pa. Alexander McKinley, the elder, father of the above mentioned family, died February 8, 1896. The mother, Mrs. Margaret D. McKinley, died March 5, 1871.

MRS. MARY G. DAVIS, one of Canton Township's most respected residents, whose home has always been in this township, was born May 13, 1844, and is a daughter of David and Grizelda (Johnston) Morrow, natives of Washington County, who both died here.

David Morrow, father of Mrs. Davis, was a son of Matthew Morrow, one of the early settlers of this section. A man of excellent character, he was for many years a member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, of which he was also a trustee. He died February 22, 1892. His wife preceded him to the grave, passing away December 9, 1887. They were the parents of two children, of whom Mrs. Davis alone survives. They were well known and highly esteemed and had a wide circle of friends in Canton Township.

Mary G. Morrow grew to womanhood in Canton Township, and was fortunate in having parents able to afford her good educational advantages. After attending the public schools of her home neighborhood, she became a student in the seminary at Washington, and so profited by her opportunities as to be possessed of a good literary education and accomplishments when she was married, on March 8, 1865, to Hamilton Davis.

Mr. Davis was born in Canton Township, August 22, 1830, and was a son of Samuel Davis. The latter was a

pioneer settler in north Canton Township, and for a number of years conducted a hotel there. He did a profitable business in this line, as his hostelry was located near a stage route, over which drovers were constantly traveling.

Hamilton Davis devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, and at his death, which occurred January 31, 1889, he left a farm of sixty acres, on which his father's hotel was located. He also had 108 acres adjoining the present home farm of Mrs. Davis. The latter consists of eighty-eight acres and is the old David Morrow farm. The two former places were sold some years after Mr. Davis' death and the estate divided. Mr. Davis was an early member of the Republican party, and at various times was elected to township office, always serving with honesty and efficiency. A sincere member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, he served the same capably as a trustee. He was a man who was held in high esteem by his neighbors for his admirable personal qualities, and he was beloved in his own family as a kind husband and father.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born eight children, as follows: Harry N., resident at Cameron, W. Va.; John W., a resident of Buffalo Township, this county; Charles M., residing in Canton Township with his mother; Samuel A., also a resident of Canton Township; Minnie H., who is now deceased; Retta C., residing in Canton Township; Frank L., living at Washington, and David O., deceased. Mrs. Davis has continued to reside on her farm, of which she has proved herself a successful manager. She is a useful member of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES WILBERT SCOTT, who operates the home-  
stead farm of ninety-two acres, which is situated in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm, July 26, 1869, and is a son of John Franklin and Sussannah (Steen) Scott.

Mr. Scott's paternal grandparents were born in Ireland—his grandfather, Charles Scott, in 1811, being brought to America when seven years of age. He married Margaret Cassidy and they had twelve children, eleven of whom reached mature years.

John F. Scott was one of the most prominent citizens of Jefferson Township for many years, was public spirited and influential and many times served in local offices. He was active in the Republican party and was its candidate for county register at one time. Credit is given him for securing the present rural mail route through Jefferson Township, and for many other beneficial movements of a public nature. He owned the present home-  
stead farm at the time of his death, which occurred on January 12, 1906; his burial was at Bethel Cemetery. He married Sussannah Steen, a daughter of William and Frances (Richardson) Steen. Her father was born in

1801. He and his wife had a family of two sons and five daughters, of whom Mrs. Scott and her youngest brother are the only ones now living. She resides on the home farm. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Scott were Francis E., Anna Laura, Charles Wilbert, Emma, Blanche Estella and Elza. The oldest and youngest of the family are successful teachers. All are now living except Emma.

Charles Wilbert Scott attended the Jefferson Township schools more or less regularly until he was twenty-one years of age. Being of a somewhat mechanical turn of mind he then took a course in civil engineering through the Scranton Correspondence School and applied himself so closely to study that he acquired a good theoretical knowledge of the science, of which he has made practical use in various ways. He also carries on farming and stock raising. His father having many interests, needed him at home and so he remained there, helping in all the building and repair work done on the place. The land is valuable and is favorably located and under Mr. Scott's excellent management is satisfactorily productive. In politics, Mr. Scott is a Republican. He is a member of the Jefferson Township school board.

W. HARRY ARMSTRONG was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., April 28, 1876, and is a son of Winfield Scott and Kate (Gordon) Armstrong.

Winfield Scott Armstrong is one of Washington County's prominent citizens and was county treasurer during the years from 1900 to 1903. He was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., August 13, 1847, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Crowe) Armstrong. Samuel Armstrong was a son of James A. Armstrong, who was born in Ireland and who, when he first came to Pennsylvania, settled among the Alleghany Mountains and after his marriage, acquired a farm in Donegal Township, Washington County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. Winfield Scott Armstrong was a member of the 103rd Regt. of Pa. Vol. Inf. during the Civil War, enlisted for the one-year service. He married Kate Gordon of Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., and they have two children, W. Harry and Flora G.

W. Harry Armstrong was educated in the public schools and Washington and Jefferson College, graduating from this institution in 1900, as a civil engineer. After the completion of his college course he was employed in the city engineer's office in Washington, and in 1904 was elected county surveyor of Washington County on the Republican ticket, entering upon his duties January 1, 1905. He was again re-elected to this office in 1907, being endorsed by all political parties except the Socialist party. On January 1, 1906, he entered into partnership with George S. Chaney, forming the present firm of Chaney and Armstrong, civil engineers, of Wash-

ington, Pa. This firm has conducted a general civil engineering business and has had a large practice. Since January 1, 1909, they have had charge of all road construction and bridge building for Washington County.

On September 16, 1905, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage with Miss Ann M. Ritchie, daughter of the late Joseph G. Ritchie, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Waynesburg, Greene County, Pa. Joseph G. Ritchie was one of the most prominent citizens of Greene County. He was a member of the Waynesburg bar and was elected district attorney of Greene County in 1864 but resigned before completing his term. He was the man who made possible the construction of the Waynesburg and Washington Railroad and he personally superintended the construction of this road and was its first president. Mr. Ritchie was an earnest worker in everything for the improvement of his home town and served numerous terms in the Waynesburg council. He was married to Philinda Andrew, of Richland County, Ohio, who survives him. Mrs. Armstrong is the only child born of this union. In 1887 Mr. Ritchie moved to Chicago, where he had business interests. He died January 27, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have one child, Elizabeth G., born August 27, 1906. They are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington and they reside at No. 440 East Chestnut street. In politics he is an active member of the Republican party and is a charter member of the Bassett Club.

ALEXANDER N. BOOTH, M. D., first vice president of the Bentleyville National Bank, and a prominent physician and surgeon of Bentleyville, who has been a resident here since June, 1889, was born May 5, 1864, at Prosperity, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William and Catherine (Teagarden) Booth, both of whom are now deceased. Dr. Booth's grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Furgison) Booth came from Ireland early in the last century, and settled on the tract of land on Ten-Mile Creek, near Prosperity, on which Dr. Booth was born. William Booth, the doctor's father, acquired the bulk of the old homestead upon which he lived until the time of his death. In early life he devoted a portion of his time to teaching in the public schools, and for a short time was engaged in merehandizing. Dr. Booth has the following brothers and one sister: Jesse S., of Washington, Pa.; Oliver R., a farmer, stock raiser and fruit producer near Van Buren, Pa.; Ezra C., a meat dealer of Washington, Pa., and Florella, wife of Henry N. Riggle, a breeder of fine stock on a farm in the Chartiers Valley, three miles from Washington, Pa.

Alexander N. Booth, the youngest of his father's family, was reared on a farm near Prosperity, attended

the common schools of that village and Waynesburg College. In 1884 he began reading medicine with Dr. E. H. Carey, of Prosperity, then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1887, and since that time he has been engaged in the practice of medicine. He located first at West Union, Pa., and in June, 1889, came to Bentleyville, where he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his friends and fellow citizens and commands a large and lucrative practice. He is physician and surgeon of the Acme Mines of the Pittsburg-Westmoreland Coal Company at Bentleyville. He is a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to McKean Commandery No. 80 at Charleroi, Pa., and is also an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. For eighteen years he has been a member of the Bentleyville school board and has been president of the board for the past ten years. Professionally he is identified with the Washington County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

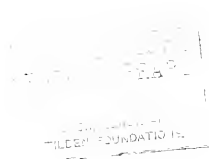
Dr. Booth was united in marriage with Mary Leah French, September 26, 1889, who is a daughter of Capt. J. C. and Sevilla (Vaile) French, the former of whom is second vice president of the Bentleyville National Bank. Dr. and Mrs. Booth have had three children: William French Booth, who died at the age of six months; Sevilla, and John C., who are now acquiring an education.

JOHN B. MANIFOLD, a representative citizen of South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., who devotes his thirty-three acres of excellent land to general farming and dairying, was born in Chartiers Township, November 6, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Arabella (Roberts) Manifold.

The Manifold family came to Washington from York County, Pa., where both the father and grandfather of John B. Manifold were born. Benjamin Manifold, the grandfather, brought his family to Washington County when his son Joseph, who was born in 1809, was about eight years old. He grew to manhood here and married Arabella Roberts, who probably was born in Washington County. They reared a family of nine children, three of whom survive: Isabella, the fourth in order of birth, who resides at Washington; Annie, who married Samuel Farley, and John B. Those deceased were: Rebecca, who married Thomas Boone; Mary, who was married first to a Mr. Oakson and (second) to an Allison; Ada; Joseph; Elizabeth and George. The last named was Burgess of Washington, Pa., at the time of his death, a very prominent citizen. The old family home was in South Strabane Township and there the parents of the above family died when aged about seventy-eight



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years. They were members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington.

John R. Manifold obtained his education in the district schools, attending in Chartiers and North and South Stralane Townships, afterward assisting his father on the farm. He later conducted a meat market for a time in Washington. He lived on the farm which is now the site of the present village of Manifold, a tract of eighty-six acres, until 1896, when a disastrous fire burned the residence and everything in it, including his clothing. The barn was the only building saved. He came then to his present farm and operates a dairy, selling his milk by wholesale. On the other farm rich coal deposits were found and the coal was sold to the Robinson & Patterson Coal Company and the village which now stands there was named in honor of the Manifold name.

In November, 1891, Mr. Manifold was married to Miss Mayne Barber, a daughter of James R. and Mary (Kelley) Barber, who spent their whole lives in Washington County. They were members of the Christian Church and were buried in the cemetery at Claysville. Mr. and Mrs. Manifold have two children: Leila and John P., both of whom attend school. Mr. Manifold and family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He is a Republican in his political views and has served several times in township offices.

WILLISON KERR VANCE, attorney-at-law, of Monongahela City, Washington County, Pa., a member of the well known law firm of McIlvaine, Vance & Gibson, was born in California, Washington County, Pa., on May 30, 1871, and is a son of Joseph B. Vance and Rachel (Devore) Vance, both of whom are descendants of pioneers of Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa.

Since 1876 Mr. Vance has lived in Monongahela City, where he was reared and attended school, graduating from the Monongahela High School in 1889, after which he taught school in Union Township. In 1893 he entered the department of law of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1895. He then returned to Pennsylvania, where he read law with the law firm of McIlvaine & Wurzell, at Pittsburg, and was admitted to the Allegheny County bar in 1896, where he practiced until 1899, although he continued to make his residence in Monongahela City. In 1899 Mr. Vance was admitted to the Washington County bar and shortly afterward formed a partnership with Charles G. McIlvaine for the practice of law in Washington County. The firm of McIlvaine & Vance continued until 1903, when Carl E. Gibson became a member of it, and the firm name was changed to McIlvaine, Vance & Gibson.

In 1894, Mr. Vance was united in marriage with Harriet L. Sampson (youngest daughter of Adam Coon Sampson and Letitia S. Sampson), and to this union two

children have been born, namely, Willison Kerr Vance, Jr., and Adam Sampson Vance. Mr. Vance and his family reside in Thomas street, Monongahela City.

JAMES S. BUCHANAN, who is one of Washington County's representative agriculturists and stockmen and one of its most substantial citizens, owns 497 acres of valuable land in Mt. Pleasant Township, 236 acres in Smith Township, together with three acres of town property at Hickory, to which pleasant village he retired in 1898. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., April 1, 1838, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Smiley) Buchanan.

Thomas Buchanan, father of James S., died May 7, 1871. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., and after he completed his school attendance, learned the carpenter trade and followed it for several years. He acquired hundreds of acres of land and became an extensive farmer and stock raiser and bought and sold wool. He married a daughter of James Smiley and four of their children still survive. He and wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. She died March 23, 1885. In politics he was a Democrat.

James S. Buchanan attended school in Mt. Pleasant Township and later Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, after which he took up farm duties at home and after his marriage, carried on mixed farming with J. L. Henderson, now of Washington, Pa. They were the enterprising young stockmen who first introduced the Dorset sheep and Holstein cattle into this section. They experienced much opposition before they proved the superiority of the latter for both beef and butter qualities. A traveler now finds few farms in Washington County, that make any pretensions to being modern, that do not have at least a few of these excellent cattle in their herds. In other ways Mr. Buchanan has shown his progressiveness. He took up the first oil lease in Mt. Pleasant and Cross Creek Townships for the Niagara Oil and Gas Company and spent a whole winter in this work. In 1898 he retired from the farm, leaving his many interests there in charge of his son, Herbert Buchanan, who is entirely capable.

Mr. Buchanan was married June 13, 1861, to Miss Martha L. McCarroll, a daughter of Andrew McCarroll, and they have three children: Benah W., who is the wife of Dr. Campbell, of Sheridan, Pa.; Herbert, who married a daughter of J. Reed Lyle; and Lulu, who is the wife of J. B. Henderson. Mr. Buchanan and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. In politics he is a Democrat, doing justice to his distinguished name. He has been a prominent citizen both in public and business life in Mt. Pleasant Township for many years and during twenty-six of these he served as a justice of the peace.

HUGH A. DAY, farmer and stock raiser in Morris Township, Washington County, resides on his valuable farm of 260 acres on which he was born, April 24, 1854, and is a son of John Miller and Elizabeth Day.

John Miller Day, the late father of Hugh A. Day, was born on the farm now owned by the latter, in 1821, and died here in 1904, aged eighty-three years. He followed farming and stock raising all his life and was a man who succeeded in his undertakings. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church at Upper Ten-Mile for many years. In 1843 he married Elizabeth Hanna, who was born in 1818 and died in 1872. Of that marriage two sons and three daughters survive, namely: Hugh A.; Martha, who married John N. Wier; Ella, who married William Ashbrook; Lizzie, who married Allen Mowl; and John M., who married Margaret Wier. The father married (second) in 1874, Mary Wise McKenna, who survived him two years.

Hugh A. Day was reared on the farm he now owns and has spent almost his entire life here. He was in Eldorado, Kas., during the year 1879, but in the following year returned to Washington County. He has followed farming and stock raising as his chief employments and has done well. His land is doubly valuable as it is underlaid with coal of the Pittsburg and Freeport veins.

Mr. Day married Miss Anna M. Andrew, daughter of the late Hindman Andrew, also of Morris Township, Washington County, and they have had four children: John Miller, Hugh Paul, Fred Russell and Anna Lenore, the latter dying at the age of one year. Mr. Day, like his late father, has served many years as a deacon in the Upper Ten-Mile Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Morris Township, and in many ways is one of the township's representative men. He is a well-known auctioneer as was his father before him, and has made many sales, not only in this but in other states.

C. K. FRYE, president of the Bentleyville National Bank, of Bentleyville, Pa., and also proprietor of the C. K. Frye & Son general store, in the same borough, has been engaged in business here for more than twenty years and is one of the representative men in this section of Washington County. He was born on a farm in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., about one mile from Bentleyville, August 2, 1862, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Smith) Frye.

Samuel Frye, who was a veteran of the Civil War, died in April, 1905. He was born in Fallowfield Township and his business in life was farming. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen and in the second year of the

great Civil War, when his son was but an infant, he enlisted in Co. F, 18th Pa. Vol. Inf., of which he was commissioned corporal, remaining in the service until the close of the war. He participated in forty-four battles, escaping injury, and on his return to peaceful pursuits, he resumed farming. In the ensuing year he was so injured by a fall from an apple tree, that he lost his leg and suffered more or less from this accident all his subsequent life. His widow survives.

C. K. Frye was born on the home farm in Fallowfield Township, but came to Bentleyville when a year and a half old. He has been identified with the interests of this place ever since, taking an active part in its business affairs. Embarking in the mercantile business, he conducted a general store by himself until his only son reached manhood, when the latter was taken into partnership. Since then the firm has been known as C. K. Frye & Son. In May, 1906, the leading business men of the place began to feel the need of a local bank and accordingly they organized the Bentleyville National Bank, of which Mr. Frye was unanimously selected president. The office of vice president has been filled ever since by Dr. A. M. Booth. The first cashier was J. P. Neel, who was succeeded by T. F. Wickersham, and he was succeeded by the present incumbent, W. R. Stevens. The bank is in a very flourishing condition.

In 1888 Mr. Frye was married to Miss Mattie E. McElhinny, a daughter of John F. McElhinny. They have one child, Oliver M., who married Miss Lulu Phennicie, and has a son, Oliver William. Mr. Frye is a Republican in politics, and fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows.

E. N. PHILLIPS, funeral director and embalmer, at Hickory, Pa., where he owns valuable property and has a beautiful residence, was born in Robeson Township, Allegheny County, Pa., May 2, 1869, and is a son of Jonathan and Margaret (Glass) Phillips.

The parents of Mr. Phillips were well-known farming people of Robeson Township. They are both deceased, the mother passing away in 1894, and the father in September, 1902, he having reached his eighty-third year.

E. N. Phillips was graduated in the Class of 1889, from the Pittsburg Academy and afterward, for about five years, engaged in teaching school in Allegheny County. He then embarked in the undertaking business at Coraopolis, Allegheny County, which he continued there for eight years. He is a graduate of the Pittsburg Embalming School. He came to Hickory in March, 1907, and already is known all through this part of the county and has received calls from a number of the large boroughs. He has a finely equipped place of business here, has two funeral cars and handles the best of funeral fur-

nishings. He has all the appurtenances carried and made use of by the modern funeral director, is moderate in his charges and quiet and courteous in all matters.

On June 15, 1893, Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth E. McCormick, a daughter of John D. McCormick, and they have had five children: Anna Margaret, Everett, Mildred, John M. and Harold, all surviving except the eldest. For a short time after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips lived at Ingram before moving to Corapolis and subsequently coming to Hickory. Mr. Phillips owns sixteen acres on the southwest side of the town, on which his fine brick residence is being completed. He plans to utilize a part of his land in poultry raising. He is a member and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory. In his views on public questions, he is a Prohibitionist.

**HON. JOHN H. GASTON**, a prominent resident of Finleyville, Pa., of which town he was the first burgess, serving in that honorable office for nine consecutive years, is a retired farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born on the old Gaston farm, in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., October 31, 1839, and is a son of Joseph S. and Jane (Hindman) Gaston.

The Gaston family originated in France and during the days following St. Bartholomew, escaped to Scotland. Later, three brothers of this family crossed the Atlantic Ocean to America and then separated, one locating in Massachusetts, a second seeking the milder climate of North Carolina, while the third was attracted to eastern Pennsylvania. The latter was the great-grandfather of John H. Gaston, and it was his son Samuel who founded the Washington County branch. He acquired three farms in Union Township, near Finleyville and the place now bears the name of Gastonville, having been named in his honor. He died in this village when aged eighty-six years. His eight children bore, respectively, the following names: Chattie, who became the wife of Robert Donaldson; Peggy, who married Thomas Perry; Sarah Jane, who married James Estep; and Mrs. McClain, John, William, Joseph S. and Samuel, all of whom are deceased.

Joseph S. Gaston was born on the old home farm at Gastonville and spent his life there, devoting himself to farming and stock raising. He married Jane Hindman and they had the following children born to them: Samuel; Sarah, now deceased, who was the wife of Ralston Williams; Margaret, now deceased, who was the wife of William Penny, also deceased; Mary Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Alfred Huffman; Elizabeth, who is the widow of James Pope; John H.; and Joseph S. and William, both of whom are deceased. Joseph S. Gaston was a man of much prominence in Washington County. In politics he was a staunch Republican. For forty-five years he served in the office of justice of the peace and

was twice elected county commissioner, his death taking place while he was serving his second term.

John H. Gaston spent a contented boyhood and youth on the home farm, attending the district schools when he could be spared, and when yet young was entrusted with such duties as hauling produce to Pittsburg, proving a capable and reliable helper to his father, and remained at home until 1861. He was one of the first farmer boys of this section to take up arms in defense of his country when Rebellion threatened to dissolve its unity, enlisting in Co. I, 1st Pa. Vol. Cav. The hardships of the service he endured for two years, when his health broke down and he was honorably discharged in 1863. He participated in many important battles, including Drainesville, Strasberg, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain and the second Bull Run, and during the entire period of his service was never absent from duty. He returned to the home farm, married and in 1867, with wife and three children, went to Iowa and settled on a farm in Lucas County, where he lived for eighteen years, and then moved to Kansas, settling at Neosho Falls, in Woodson County. For three years he followed shipping stock from that point and later spent two years in the stock yards at Kansas City. In 1889, Mr. Gaston came back to Washington County and shortly afterward built his comfortable residence on Washington street, Finleyville. He immediately interested himself in the public affairs of the place in which he had determined to make his permanent home and through his energy and public spirit contributed largely to the advancement and prosperity of the town.

In September, 1864, Mr. Gaston was married to Miss Sarah A. Frye, a daughter of West Frye, and they had three children born to them, the one survivor being the eldest daughter, Wilhamena, who is the wife of Samuel Lindsay, of Finleyville. West F., the one son, died at the age of thirty-two years. Sarah, the youngest child, died aged six years. In politics, Mr. Gaston is a Republican. He is a valued member of Major Gaston Post No. 544, G. A. R., of Gastonville.

**J. NEWTON HORN**, a highly esteemed citizen of South Strabane Township, Washington County, now living retired on a farm of seven acres, owns another farm containing 148 acres, which is situated in West Bethlehem Township, near Zollersville. Mr. Horn is also an honored survivor of the great Civil War. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., February 17, 1840, and is a son of Nicholas C. and Margaret (Wright) Horn.

Nicholas C. Horn, father of J. Newton, was a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Closser) Horn, who lived on their farm of 125 acres in Amwell Township. They were probably members of the Christian Church. They had

three sons: Isaac, Nicholas C. and John, and three daughters, one of whom died young. Nicholas C. Horn was born in Amwell Township and spent his life there. Owing to the early death of his father he had few school advantages, but he nevertheless became a man of standing in his community and was frequently elected to office on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Amity Presbyterian Church. He married Margaret Wright, who died at the age of seventy-eight years and his death followed when sixty-four years of age. Their burial was in the Amity Cemetery. They had three children: James, who died in boyhood; J. Newton; and Henry W., the latter of whom is a retired farmer living in Amwell Township. He married Mary J. Condit of the same township.

J. Newton Horn attended the district schools and spent one term at Pleasant Valley Academy, after which he engaged in teaching school for four years and then entered the Federal Army. He enlisted in Co. D, 22nd Pa. Vol. Cav., and although he was never absent from the post of duty during three long years, he escaped all serious injury and was able to return safely to his family. He resumed farming on the homestead and continued to live in Amwell Township until 1880, when he moved to his farm near Zollarsville, in West Bethlehem Township, where he was actively engaged until he retired from business and since then has lived on his present place. He has two capable tenant farmers who occupy his land.

In 1861 Mr. Horn was married to Miss Nancy M. Baker, a daughter of Enoch Baker, of Amwell Township, and they had four children born to them: Clarence H., who married Eda Barr, a daughter of John G. Barr, of West Bethlehem Township, and they have one son, Guy; James B., who resides at Washington, married Louella Acklin, of Greene County, Pa., and they have three children—Madge, Edna and Dortha; Flora, who married R. W. Johnson, of (Ingram) Pittsburg, and they have four children—Carl, Roy, Mary and June; and Charles E., who is professor of mathematics, in Westminster University of Denver, Col. He is a graduate of Waynesburg College and the Chicago University. He married Mary Syers, of Waynesburg, and they have one son, John S. Mrs. Horn, the mother of the above family of four children, died in August, 1900, and her burial was at Pleasant Hill. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Horn was married (second) in April, 1902, to Mattie E. Doak, a daughter of Joseph Doak, of Washington, Pa. For forty years Mr. Horn has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, first at Amity, then at Bealls-ville and Pleasant Hill, and now at Mt. Pleasant. In his views on public questions he is a Democrat and at times he has consented to serve in township offices. He is a stockholder in the Washington Trust Company.

WILLIAM EDGAR SHEPLER, a representative business citizen of Finleyville, Pa., has been a resident of this borough for the past nineteen years, and since 1899 has been in the undertaking business, being a graduated embalmer. He was born on the home farm, on the Washington County line, in Allegheny County, Pa., March 11, 1870, and is a son of George M. and Catherine (Crites) Shepler.

George M. Shepler was born on the old family farm in Allegheny County, and was a son of Henry Shepler, who was born on this farm in 1797 and died in 1891, having rounded out almost a century of existence. The mother of George M. Shepler was born in Ohio in 1817 and died in 1872. Henry Shepler and wife had the following children: Nancy Jane, who married Jackson Stilby; Hannah Frances, who became the wife of Thomas Chamberlin; John P., who married Elsie Kessler; George M., father of the subject of this sketch; William Henry, unmarried; Helen Adaline, who became the wife of John Chambers; Sarah Katherine, deceased; James T. Shepler, unmarried; and Margaret Bell, unmarried. The Sheplers, as already indicated, belong to an old Allegheny County family.

George M. Shepler, after his marriage, bought the old Montgomery farm in Washington County, and the family lived there until 1890, at which time they removed to Pittsburg, where George M. Shepler was engaged for a time in the teaming business. Subsequently returning to Washington County, they located at Finleyville, Mr. Shepler engaging there in the hotel and livery business. After conducting the hotel business for ten years he sold out his interest in the same and retired to private life, renting out the livery business, which he had controlled for the past nineteen years. He married Catherine Crites, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Hartman) Crites, both of Washington County. Joseph Crites, born in 1811, died in 1881, and his wife, Sarah (Hartman) Crites, born in 1821, died in 1866. The children of Joseph and Sarah Crites were: Sarah Jane, deceased; William B., who married Ealine McCombs, deceased; Sarah Catherine, who became the wife of George M. Shepler; Mary Josephine, who married Henry Sumerly; Joseph A., who died unmarried; Nancy Emaline, who became the wife of Siberton Cascher; Samuel R., who married Phebe Messenger; and Elizabeth, who married George Lewis Foulke.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shepler have been the parents of seven children, namely: Ella, who is the wife of H. E. Laughlin, of Jewett, Ohio, and the mother of three children—Hazel, Kenneth and Katherine—resides at McKeesport, Pa.; William Edgar, who is the direct subject of this sketch; Joseph H., deceased, (his widow, Mrs. Annie Milligan Shepler, resides at Gastonville, Pa.,



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and has a daughter, Jean); Nettie, who married George Boyles, of St. Petersburg, and now resides at Butler, Pa., has a daughter, Bernice Marie; Della, who is deceased; Florence, of Finleyville, who married Ella Cooper, now deceased, and has children, Millard Fillmore and Fred; and Emma, wife of Charles Stephenson, of Butler, whose children are George, Calvin, Ruth and Ruby.

William E. Shepler obtained a good common school education and remained at home assisting his father, with whom, after coming to Finleyville, he was connected in the livery business. He later sold his interest to his brother Florence. In 1899, in partnership with this brother, he went into the undertaking business and in 1904 purchased his brother's interest. In the summer of that year he erected his substantial three-story brick business block on Washington avenue. He utilizes one commodious room for his mortuary business, while in another part of the building he has a grocery store and also a restaurant. Mr. Shepler is esteemed by his fellow citizens for his business integrity. He is a Democrat in politics, but has not held any public office.

On Christmas Day, 1901, Mr. Shepler was married to Miss Jessie K. Woodward, a daughter of Richard Woodward, of Finleyville, Pa., and they have one child, a daughter, Bernice.

JOHN W. LYLE, M. D., son of Moses and Dorcas (Cooke) Lyle, was born in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa. He attended the schools of the neighborhood, and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1882. He practiced for six months in Eldersville, Pa., after which he took a post graduate course at the University and Jefferson Medical Colleges (1883 and '84), then practiced two years at Belleville, Mifflin County, after which he removed to Houston, Washington County, where he has since remained.

His father, the late Moses Lyle, was a native of Washington County and was a farmer during all his active life. He died at the age of eighty-two. His parents were James and Mary (Campbell) Lyle, and his grandfather, Aaron Lyle, who with two brothers, John and Robert, came from Northampton County, Pa., in 1784, and settled in what is now Mt. Pleasant Township, near Hickory. Moses Lyle married Dorcas Cooke, who died at the age of eighty-four years. Her father was James Cooke, one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County. To Moses Lyle and wife were born three sons and two daughters, namely: James Cooke, who married Miss Clementine Lyle, is a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years in the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. (He is a farmer residing in Columbiana County, Ohio); Lysander Perry, who with Martha and Mary, the sisters, reside in California; and John W., of Houston, who in 1884 was

married to Miss Ada E. Alexander, a daughter of Silas and Rachel Longwell Alexander, of Belleville, Mifflin County. They have one son, Wallace A. L. Lyle, who is a student at State College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lyle and wife are of the Presbyterian faith, Republican in politics and Scotch-Irish in descent. Robert and a younger brother emigrated to America from County Antrim, Ireland, in the year 1742.

W. J. McNARY, a retired farmer of Smith Township, who since 1903 has occupied a fine residence that he built just outside the southwestern limits of Burgetts-town, is a highly esteemed citizen, and belongs to old Washington County families on both the paternal and maternal sides. He was born in Smith Township, this county, December 1, 1850, and is a son of Joseph and Jane (Rea) McNary.

His earliest paternal ancestor, of whom we have any record, was James McNary, a native of the Scottish Highlands, who was born about the year 1711. This James, it is believed, went to Ireland, whence, prior to 1760 he emigrated to America with his family, which consisted of a wife, four sons and a daughter. In 1760 he purchased a tract of land in York County, Pa. He died at the home of his son David, in Hanover Township, this county, in 1796.

John McNary, the next in the present line of descent, and great-grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in Scotland. He married Esther Boyle, a native of Ireland, and their children were: Elizabeth, who married William Douglass; Mary, who was the wife of James McCoy; James, grandfather of the subject of this article; Margaret, who married James Martin; Malcom, of whom we have no special record; Esther, wife of Thomas Irving; Agnes, who married James Pollock; John; Thomas; Alexander and Margaret, of whom we have no special record; Janet, who became the wife of Robert McKibben. The parents of this family came to York County with the children as they then had, some time prior to the Revolutionary War. In 1801, John McNary visited North Strabane Township, Washington County, and purchased a farm that afterwards became the property of his grandson, James S. Soon after, in 1802, he died at his home in York County, and his family later removed to the farm he had purchased.

James McNary, son of John and Esther (Boyle) McNary, married Margaret Reed, daughter of Col. Joseph Reed, of Revolutionary fame, and reared a family of children, of whom Joseph McNary was one.

Joseph McNary was born June 18, 1802, in Cross Creek Township, this county. His educational opportunities were limited, but he attended the country schools for a while. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed subsequently until 1828, and then, about a year

after his marriage, purchased a farm of 200 acres in Smith Township. This land was later found to be rich in coal, but was not tested during his life. Though starting out as a poor boy, he became prosperous and owned at his death, besides 200 acres of land, personal property valued at \$20,000. In politics he was a Democrat and served as school director and township assessor. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown and belonged to the session. He died in May, 1874, and his remains, with those of his wife, after being interred for a time in the old cemetery at Burgettstown, were removed to Fairview Cemetery. He married Jane Rea, a daughter of William Rea, of Cross Creek Township, and they had children as follows: Margaret and Esther, both unmarried; Jane R., who married first, James McNary, and afterward Samuel Cowan; Rhoda, who became the wife of Robert Withrow; Nancy A., who married Eli Marquis; Sarah A., who never married; Mary E., who married James W. Bailey; Harriet, who married John Withrow; Julia, who was accidentally strangled by a grain of corn when three years old; Joseph R., who married Catherine Ghrist; W. J., whose name heads this article; and an infant daughter that died unnamed.

W. J. McNary obtained his education in the public schools of Smith Township. He remained at home and after his marriage engaged in farming, managing and operating 100 acres of his father's large estate. This he continued until 1903, when he sold his 100 acres to the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, who have found it rich in valuable coal deposits. He is a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank and has other investments.

Mr. McNary was married December 25, 1879, to Miss Margaret Proudfit, a daughter of Robert and Sarah E. (Porter) Proudfit, of Smith Township. Mrs. McNary was born August 15, 1855. Of this marriage there are two daughters—Sarah J., who married Charles H. Russell; and Esther Roberta, who resides at home with her parents. Mr. McNary and his family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at Burgettstown. In politics he is a Democrat and formerly served as town auditor. He has been successful as an agriculturist and is widely known as a useful and enterprising citizen.

EDWARD T. MCNULTY, general manager of the Washington Tin Plate Company, has been a resident of Washington for ten years and is identified with other interests of the city. He was born at Pittsburg, Pa., in the old Fifth Ward, December, 1873, was reared in his native place and attended the Second Ward School and finished his education at the Pittsburg College.

After leaving college, Mr. McNulty took up a position with the old Consolidated Gas Company and upon it

merging into the Philadelphia Company, he still retained his position as general bookkeeper, leaving this company in 1899, he took up the position of bookkeeper with the same mill as he is now at, then known as the Washington Charcoal-Iron Tin Mills. This company after a few years, sold their interests to The McClure Company of Pittsburg, Pa., at which time Mr. McNulty was placed in the responsible position of office manager. The company now is known as the Washington Tin Plate Company, and since October, 1909, Mr. McNulty has been general manager, having entire charge, in this connection there are some 300 employees.

In 1899 Mr. McNulty was married to Miss Catherine McKenna, a daughter of Hon. Bernard McKenna, formerly mayor of Pittsburg. To this marriage seven children have been born. Mr. and Mrs. McNulty are members of the Catholic Church. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Elks, and also belongs to the Columbus Club of Pittsburg.

ROBERT WILSON, one of the old business men of Chartiers Township, Washington County, who established the first store at Meadowlands thirty-eight years ago, is one of the best known men in this section. He has lived in America for fifty-nine years, but his birth took place in Ireland. His parents were John and Ann Wilson, the former of whom died when he was quite young.

In 1850 the mother of Mr. Wilson, accompanied by her three children, John, Catherine and Robert, and her two sisters, Sarah and Jane Gregg, emigrated to America, settling in Monongalia County, W. Va., within three miles of Wetzel Creek, and the family home was continued in that locality for twenty-two years. John Wilson was four years older than his brother, Robert Wilson; he died in February, 1895. The one sister survived until May, 1907, but the mother passed away in 1873.

While living in West Virginia, Robert Wilson engaged in farming. In 1872 he came to Washington County and located at what was known as the old toll gate, in Chartiers Township. That Mr. Wilson should make a choice of this place for a business location, displayed considerable foresight and good judgment, for at the time that he started his store, one country coal bank was being worked in the vicinity, by Jonathan Allison, with several other small banks and Ewing's mill was grinding for the farmers from over a wide territory. These enterprises comprised the entire business activities of the place. However, in a short time things changed, Mr. Allison beginning the shipping of coal, which was continued by his successor, John H. Cook, and these operations brought in more workmen; other lines of business were established and all prospered together, Mr. Wilson to a re-



markable degree. About 1889 he bought his present property at the sale of the Ewing farm. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

D. D. PORTER, general farmer and dairyman, residing on his excellent farm of 144 acres, situated in South Strabane Township, five miles east of Washington, Pa., was born at Washington, September 27, 1851. His parents were J. N. and Mary (Dye) Porter.

The Porter family came to America from Scotland. The grandfather of D. D. Porter was Joseph Porter, who settled in Washington County when his son, J. N., was four years old. The latter was born at Monongahela City. He grew up on his father's farm and assisted there until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Washington, where he became a building contractor and assisted in the erection of a number of the older structures there, including the old town hall. He spent the greater part of his subsequent life at Washington, where he died on February 26, 1908, in his eighty-second year. In politics he was a Democrat. For a long period he was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. He married Mary Dye, who died Feb. 18, 1872. Her father was Daniel Dye, the former owner of the Zelt flour mills. The following children were born to this marriage: I. D., who is assistant superintendent of the Reform School at Washington, D. C.; D. D., subject of this sketch; Benjamin M., a farmer and carpenter connected with the Morganza Reform School; Ella, who married Harry H. Donaldson, of Pittsburg; Bella, who died when three years old; Hattie, who married William T. Doak, of the Hallam Construction Company; Joseph N., who is a carpenter and lives at Washington, Pa.; Harry E., who is a dispatcher on the P. V. & C. Railroad; John, who died in 1905 and Mattie, who married Wylie Denormandie, of Washington.

D. D. Porter obtained a district school education, after which he learned the carpenter's trade and then went to farming. He rented a farm of 120 acres in South Strabane Township and conducted the B. & O. dairy, having thoroughbred Jerseys cows. He remained on that farm for ten years and then went to Pittsburg for five years and leased and sold coal lands over the country, disposing of several thousand acres. He then bought the Zediker homestead in South Strabane Township, where he has repaired all the buildings and for four years has been in the dairy business, although he is also yet interested in coal lands, having 600 acres of coal lands which he controls in South Strabane Township and owning 144 acres. He is a shrewd and able business man and is well known all over Washington County.

On Nov. 25, 1892, Mr. Porter was married to Miss Margaret Ann Charters, a daughter of John H. Charters. They have three children, Frank G., who married Bertha

Donson; and Roy V. and Daisy M., both of whom live at home. For two years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Porter resided at Washington. In politics he is a Democrat but he has never been willing to accept public office.

JOHN MOSES BAER, proprietor of the J. M. Baer Department Store at Finleyville, Pa., has been a resident here for the past 14 years. He was born June 17, 1871, in Poland, Russia, a son of Thomas and Rachel Baer, both of whom were natives of that country. The family came to the United States in 1890 and located at Pittsburg where the father died in 1899. He is survived by his widow and six children, namely: John Moses; Sarah, who is the wife of S. S. Siller; Colin, who married William Rakusin; Ella, who married Morris Friedman; Ida; and Harry.

John M. Baer was reared and educated in his native country and after coming here in 1890 with his parents he engaged in the occupation of a peddler, starting out with about ten dollars worth of merchandise, which he obtained on credit from William Simon of Pittsburg. His father started him in the direction of Finleyville, Pa., and he spent six years working in the country districts of Washington County. Then acting upon the advice of Abe McClelland, a farmer, he opened a store at Finleyville, where he first rented a small 20 by 40-foot room from W. Gaston, who enlarged his store room as his business continued to increase. Mr. Baer has met with uninterrupted success and is now the owner of a large department store, carrying a full line of ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings, suits, shoes, carpets, house furnishings, dry goods etc. He built his fine large residence in 1903 and his business property was purchased in 1908. He is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Finleyville, and is fraternally identified with the Masonic order of Monongahela City and the Moose of Finleyville.

June 26, 1902, Mr. Baer was united in marriage with Emma Wilkoff, who was born in Pittsburg, and is a daughter of Max Wilkoff of Beaver Falls, Pa. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baer—Townsend and Howard. Mr. Baer is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the school board of Finleyville.

J. WILLIAM KLEIN, general farmer, owning 56 acres of land in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., which is about equally divided between tillable fields and timbered tracts, is an honored veteran of the Civil War, in which he served for three long years. He was born at Wellsburg, W. Va., March 11, 1836, and is a son of John F. and Margaret Ann (Metz) Klein.

The parents of Mr. Klein came to Jefferson Township during the boyhood of their son, J. William, who was one of a family of 12 children. The father purchased

the present farm, which is situated about three miles north of Avela, and resided here until his death, which occurred May 30, 1870. His widow survived him until July 23, 1884, dying when aged 83 years. Their burial was in the Bethel Cemetery, they having been worthy members of the Bethel Church.

J. William Klein attended the Miller school in Jefferson Township when he was a boy but enjoyed few of the advantages which belong to the youth of the present day. He grew to manhood sturdy and strong and when he enlisted as a member of Company D, First Va. Cav., he presented a very soldierly appearance. He served three years and during this time was once wounded slightly. After the close of his term of enlistment, he returned home to Jefferson Township and resumed farming and has continued to live on the old homestead ever since. He has no coal bank open, although the land is undoubtedly underlaid with this valuable commodity, and neither has he made any tests for oil or gas. He has contented himself with cultivating a part of his land and preserving the valuable timber on the other portion. He has done much building and repairing and has comfortable surroundings.

On February 8, 1870, Mr. Klein was married to Miss Harriet Stewart, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Wilson Stewart. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are members of the M. P. Bethel Church. He is a Republican in politics and he served one year as road supervisor.

CHARLES O. FRYE, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, Charleroi, Pa., and who now holds the office of supervisor of the census for the 21st district of Pennsylvania, consisting of Washington, Beaver, Lawrence and Butler Counties, was born January 8th, 1876, on a farm near Gallatin, Tennessee, a son of Henry and Annarena (Frye) Frye.

He is descended from sturdy old German stock of Pennsylvania and Virginia, his earliest known ancestors on both the paternal and maternal side being Benjamin and Christen Frye who had seven sons and two daughters. In the year 1744 they erected a large stone residence in Frederick County, Virginia, which was also frequently used by themselves and neighbors as a refuge from the Indians, being known as the Frye fort. This old residence-fort is still in good state of preservation and is used as a dwelling house. Benjamin died in the year 1753.

Two of their sons, Samuel and Abraham, settled in Washington County about 1768 or 1769 on a large tract of land bordering on the Monongahela River and lying between Maple and Pigeon Creeks, the same being about ten miles in extent and from a quarter to a mile in width.

The Smith Frye farm adjoining Charleroi, being a 140-acre portion of this tract of land, has never been out of the Frye name. Their sons Samuel and Abraham served in the revolutionary war, Abraham being captain and Samuel lieutenant.

The subject of this sketch is descended from Samuel on the paternal side and from Abraham on the maternal side. The line of descent on maternal side being as follows: Abraham, son of Benjamin and Christen Frye, married Agnes Ann ———, whose maiden name we have been unable so far to secure. Their son Abraham married Hester Johnston, daughter of Joseph and Mary Johnston, who were in Washington County as early as 1781. Their son, Thomas Frye, married Anna West, and their daughter Annarena married Henry Frye, the parents of Charles O. Frye. And the line of descent on the paternal side is as follows: Samuel, son of Benjamin and Christen Frye, married Christen Speers, a daughter of Henry and Regina Froman Speers, who came from Virginia to Westmoreland County in 1771 and settled on the present site of Gibsonton. Abraham, son of Samuel and Christen (Speers) Frye, married Isabelle Ringland, daughter of John Ringland. As Abraham was a very common name among the Fries, they called him "Ringland's Abe." His son Abraham (known as Colonel) married Sarah Gregg. Abraham was born on the Smith Frye farm above mentioned. Henry Frye, son of Abraham and Sarah (Gregg) Frye, married Annarena Frye, who like her husband was a descendant in the 5th generation from Benjamin and Christen Frye, first known ancestors of the family.

Annarena Frye, mother of the subject of this sketch, and her daughter, Anna May Frye, are residents of Ellwood, Ind., and his brother, William S. Frye, is a resident of Indianapolis, Ind., and his eldest and youngest brothers, Thomas A. and Woodson H. Frye, are residents of San Francisco, Cal.

Charles O. Frye was about three years old when his father died. In 1889 his mother removed to a farm in Washington County, Pa., and in 1891 moved to Charleroi, then in its infancy, where Charles has since resided. Here, after his school days were over, he was employed as assistant to a civil engineer for two years, after which he held the position of timekeeper and paymaster in the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company's works No. 6 for about ten years, which position he resigned to go in business for himself. Mr. Frye is president of the Frye Reunion organization which holds annual reunions of the descendants of Benjamin and Christen Frye, members of which number about 300 families, being scattered throughout all the states in the Union. Mr. Frye is also a member of Charleroi Lodge, No. 615, F. and A. M., Monongahela Chapter, R. A. M., and of Lodge No.





ODELL S. CHALFANT

623, K. of P. He is now serving his second year as a member of Charleroi borough council. And is assistant fire chief of the Charleroi volunteer fire department.

Mr. Frye was united in marriage with Lulu Porter, October 21, 1903. She is a native of Donegal Township, this county, and a daughter of Isaac and Sarah Ellen Porter. To them have been born two children—Benjamin Porter and Helen Christen.

ODELL SWEITZER CHALFANT is a descendant, on the paternal side, of the Chalfants who were prominent in High Wycombe, England, during the reign of Henry VIII., and on the maternal side, of the Crows, who came to this country from Londonderry, Ireland, about the middle of the eighteenth century. Some of the Chalfants came over with William Penn and settled near Philadelphia.

Chadds Chalfant, a descendant of one of these immigrants, was born in the middle of the eighteenth century at Chadds' Ford on the Brandywine. After marrying, he started westward with his bride and settled at Brownsville, Pa. He was a millwright by trade, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Mason. He was the father of seven children, the youngest of whom, Walter B., was born May 8, 1794.

On the 21st of March, 1816, Walter B. Chalfant married Mollie Budd Brown, and to this union there were born three girls and eight boys. One of these, Dr. Henry Sweitzer Chalfant, was born near Brownsville, March 23, 1828. He took a course in Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., and in 1849 graduated at the Cleveland Medical College. After graduation he located at Greenfield (now Coal Centre), later moved to the farm in East Pike Run Township, and practiced his profession with great success for nearly fifty years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Mason. He died on March 9, 1897.

Lawrence Crow came to this country from Londonderry, Ireland, with his brother John, and each took up and patented a large tract of land in the eastern part of Washington County. Lawrence patented what is known as "Crow's Egg" about the year 1785. Upon his death the title to the larger portion of this land became vested in his son, William Crow. William Crow was married to Jane Johnson and to this union there was born one daughter, Lucinda, June 17, 1831, and who was married to Henry S. Chalfant February 3, 1852.

To this union there were born twelve children, four girls and eight boys, namely: William Crow, December 5, 1852, died in infancy; Charles Anson, March 22, 1854, farmer, residing in Fallowfield Township; Irene Jane, April 11, 1856, intermarried with John H. Frye, and residing at Charleroi, Pa.; Ruth Annie, January 3, 1858, residing on the old home farm; J. G. Sansom,

August 11, 1859, farmer, residing on part of the old home farm; Odell Sweitzer, 1862; Mary Catharine, September 5, 1863, died at the age of five years; Luna Crow, February 17, 1865, intermarried with Thomas A. Frye, died September 1, 1903; John Archibald, November 12, 1866, died in infancy; Harry Malcolm, June 26, 1869, a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and editor, residing at Harrisburg, Pa.; Walter Wood, April 14, 1872, farmer, residing on the old home farm; and Cyril Kingsley, July 31, 1873, a teacher, residing at Speers, Pa. Lucinda Chalfant, who has been a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is still living on the old home farm which was patented by her grandfather, Lawrence Crow.

Odell S. Chalfant was born at Greenfield (now Coal Centre), February 25, 1862. He spent his earlier years on the farm in East Pike Run Township, and graduated from the California Normal School in the Class of 1886. His sister, Luna C., and brother, Harry M., graduated in the same class. After graduation he taught two terms in the public schools, attended Waynesburg College for a time, and in the fall of 1888 entered the law office of Aiken & Duncan, at Washington, Pa., as a student. He was admitted to the bar on December 31, 1891, and practiced his profession in the office with his preceptor, T. Jeff. Duncan, Esq., until in April, 1905, when the law firm of Duncan, Chalfant & Warne was formed. Aside from his profession he has other business interests, being president of the Washington Brick Company, a director in the Capitol Paint, Oil & Varnish Company, and is identified with other corporations. In politics he is an Independent Republican, and served seven years as a member of Council in the borough of East Washington. On June 21, 1894, he was married to Miss Annie M. Baglin, of Washington, Pa., and to this union there were born three children, Paul Sweitzer, May 5, 1895; Ruth Hannah, March 15, 1897, and Lois Irene, May 25, 1905. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are all his brothers and sisters, and for about ten years has been a member of the official board of the First Church, Washington, Pa. He is also a member of the Washington Lodge No. 164, F. & A. M.

CHARLES E. BAKER, of Washington, Pa., well known to the people of western Pennsylvania as an extensive dealer in real estate, stocks, bonds, etc., was born in West Pike Run Township, March 29, 1863. He is a son of Lewis F. and Mary Dorsey Baker.

The family of which Mr. Baker is a descendant was established in Washington County more than a century ago, Mr. Baker's great-grandfather, John Wood Baker, and his brother George coming from Lancaster County,

Pa., in 1781. They settled on lands in West Pike Run Township, following the occupation of agriculture. It was here on the old Baker farm that Lewis Baker, the grandfather of Charles E. Baker, was born. He lived his entire life at the old home farm and died in California, Pa., in 1874, at the age of eighty-four years.

In 1828 Lewis F. Baker, father of Charles E. Baker, was born on the old home farm in West Pike Run Township. Mr. Baker was a pioneer of the sheep breeding industry in western Pennsylvania, specializing the Spanish Merino variety, for which he has received as high as \$500 per head. He was united in marriage to Mary Dorsey, who was born at Morgantown, W. Va., and who died in April, 1890. A family of six sons was brought up on the old home farm as follows: H. B. Baker, a resident of Pittsburg, is employed by the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad Company; George Plummer Baker is a prominent attorney of Washington, Pa.; Charles E. Baker, the subject of this sketch; W. L. Baker, a druggist of Indianapolis, Ind.; John T. Baker, who is engaged in the insurance and real estate business at Clairton, Allegheny County, Pa.; and Frank Baker, who actively pursues the real estate and insurance business at California, Pa. Lewis F. Baker, for many years an active Republican, having been a candidate for county treasurer at one time, is now living in retirement at California, Pa., at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

Charles E. Baker, during the early years of his life, lived with his parents on the home farm. He attended the township schools, later going to California Normal and the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Mr. Baker was a prominent educator, having taught in the schools of Washington and Fayette counties for nearly a score of years. He subsequently went back to the farm and for three years raised Black Top Merino sheep.

In 1889, Mr. Baker was married to Mary Sharpnack, who was born in Fayette County, Pa. They have been blessed with eleven children as follows: Colley S., Ellis E., Lewis W., Charles Q., Helen G., George S., Sara Ruth, Donald D., Josiah T., Mary L. and Ralph R.

Mr. Baker moved from West Pike Run Township to California, Pa., in 1893, where he built up a large real estate and insurance business, specializing in coal properties. In 1900 he moved to Washington, Pa., having been elected clerk of the Washington County courts. At the expiration of his term in 1902, he was again chosen to fill the office for three more years, having had no opposition.

Since the expiration of his second term as clerk of the courts, Mr. Baker has been extensively engaged in the sale of real estate, coal and timber lands, oil property, stocks and bonds. Mr. Baker has always taken an active interest in politics, being affiliated with the independent element in the Republican party.

In fraternal circles Mr. Baker is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of the Masonic order, is past master of the Blue Lodge, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Elks. Mr. Baker and his family are members of the Central Presbyterian Church, of Washington and are all actively connected with the work of the church.

ROBERT B. PLANTS, a prosperous agriculturist and well known citizen of East Finley Township, was born in this township in 1861, son of Christian and Rosanna (Marshall) Plants. His great grandfather on the paternal side was Christian Plants, of German descent, who resided in eastern Pennsylvania, where he married Catherine Haines. In 1796 this early progenitor of the family came with his wife to Washington County, settling at the foot of "Gallows Hill" near the present borough of Washington. In 1806 he settled on what is now the Enlow fork of Wheeling Creek, in Finley (now East Finley) Township. He and his wife had thirteen children—Leonard, Solomon, George, Christian, Catherine, Maxwell, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jacob, Mary, Daniel, John and an unnamed infant. Christian Plants, the father, in addition to farming, taught school during the winter months. He died at an advanced age.

Leonard Plants, the next in the present line of descent, was born on his father's farm near Washington, March 22, 1797. He accompanied his parents to East Finley Township in 1806, and endured with them the hardships of pioneer life. At the age of eighteen years he began an apprenticeship to the stone mason's trade, which lasted for three years. He then obtained work as a journeyman stone mason on the National Pike, and was subsequently engaged in building operations. He continued to follow his trade until 1880. He was married May 6, 1819, to Elizabeth Barney, who died in 1826. The issue of this union were, Elizabeth, who became the wife of Stephen Hill, of Weizel County, W. Va.; Christian, father of the subject of this sketch; George, and one other that died in infancy.

The son George, born July 13, 1824, learned the trade of stone mason, which he followed many years, and also engaged in farming. He acquired a comfortable competency. He was married June 1, 1848, to Mary (Goues) Seeman, of East Finley Township, and their children were Franklin, Etheluda B., McFarlin, Mary, Elizabeth, Clarissa, Leonard, William S., Joseph L., Nathan C., and one other daughter, whose name we have not now at hand. Most of the above named are now deceased.

Christian Plants, father of Robert B., our direct subject, was born April 22, 1822, in East Finley Township. He received but a meager education, as his parents needed his services on the farm. He remained with them until reaching the age of twenty-three years, at which

time he began to learn the gunsmith's trade, also using some of his time in cropping on his father's farm. Though he never served a regular apprenticeship to any trade he became in time, by study and application and making good use of his opportunities for acquiring practical knowledge, a very creditable gunsmith, watch maker and stone mason. He also followed agriculture to some extent, and later engaged in a general merchandise business, which he carried on for some years. He was a useful and active citizen, highly respected throughout the township, and was a member of the United Brethren Church at Fairmount. His political principles allied him with the Democratic party. He was married, November 26, 1846, to Rosanna Marshall, who was born July 19, 1824, a daughter of John and Nancy (McWhorter) Marshall, of East Finley Township. They were the parents of three children, namely Leonard Martin, who died at the age of eight years, and twins, born August 7, 1861, one of whom died unnamed, the other being Robert Blackly, the direct subject of this sketch. Christian Plants, the father, died September 21, 1908.

Robert B. Plants attended school in boyhood until reaching the age of sixteen years, and in his spare time assisted in the work of the farm, thus acquiring a practical knowledge of agriculture. He has continued to reside on the old homestead, which he inherited on his father's death, and is regarded as one of the up-to-date and prosperous agriculturists of the township. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Claysville, Pa. In politics a Democrat, he has creditably filled several township offices.

Mr. Plants was married in February 24, 1886, to Elizabeth A. Sprowls, a daughter of John and Hannah (Reed) Sprowls, of which union there have been four children—Annie, who is the wife of Nicholas Montgomery, of Washington County, Pa.; James R., who is attending school in Peoria, Ill., learning watch making and repairing at the Bradley Horological School; Elvin L., and Gladys E., residing at home.

J. P. RIETHMILLER, who is identified with important interests at Marianna, Pa., is cashier of the Farmers' and Miners' Bank at this place and is also one of the stockholders. He was born in Indiana County, Pa., in April, 1878, and is a son of Frederick and Charlotte Riethmiller. Mr. Riethmiller is a graduate of the Indiana State Normal, class of 1902, and of Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After finishing his school courses he was bookkeeper a number of years of the Wharton Coke Works, Corn, Indiana County, Pa. Later he was with the receiver of the Farmers' and Drovers' Bank of Waynesburg, Pa. Prior to taking the cashiership at Marianna he was connected with the Pennsylvania National Bank of Pittsburg.

Mr. Riethmiller has been connected with the Farmers' and Miners' Bank since its founding, having been one of its organizers, and is its first cashier. It began business in June, 1909, and already has won a reputation for sound and conservative methods. In politics, Mr. Riethmiller is a Republican and is a member of the Marianna school board.

Mr. Riethmiller married Miss Lottie Peddicord, a daughter of Milton Peddicord, of Saltsburg, Pa. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is one of the trustees.

DAVID FRENCH MESSNER, general farmer and miner, resides on his excellent farm of fifty-four acres, which is situated in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., about two miles east of Finleyville, on the west side of the Elizabethtown Road. Mr. Messner was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., August 25, 1858, and is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Wilson) Messner.

Samuel Messner was born and reared in Maryland. In early manhood he went to Westmoreland County and secured work in the coal mines in that section of Pennsylvania, and continued a miner until he was fifty years of age and then became a farmer. His death occurred in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., February 7, 1886. He married Rebecca Wilson, who died in March, 1905, aged seventy-nine years. They had a family of seven children: William, who died young; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of C. N. Nearman; David French; Susannah, who is the wife of D. Ruffner; Alice Jane, who is the wife of Fred Miller; Samuel; and Catherine, who is the wife of H. Barton.

David French Messner was small when the family came to Washington County and he attended school in Union Township until he was twelve years old, when he was considered mature enough to begin to work in the mines, and it is said of him that even then he could do a full man's day's work. For thirty years Mr. Messner continued to work as a miner and still is so engaged during the winter seasons. In November, 1902, with the assistance of his sons, who are also reliable, industrious men, he purchased his present farm from the Kerr estate. He has erected all of the substantial buildings now on the place, including a comfortable seven-room dwelling. He devotes his summers to the cultivation of his land and has met with very satisfactory results in his agricultural undertakings.

David F. Messner was married April 19, 1883, to Miss Sarah Jane Vickers, a daughter of George and Julia (Lutz) Vickers, and they have had fourteen children born to them, all of whom survive except one who died in infancy: William, who married Isabella Welsh and has one son, Robert; George, who married Sadie McChain; and David, Lewis, Charles, Samuel, Joseph, Anne

May, Jennie, Sarah, Robert and Ruth, twins, and James Raymond. Mr. Messner and sons are Democrats.

JACOB WOLF PIERSON, a director of the Bentleyville National Bank and a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen, residing on a part of a fine farm of eighty acres lying in the borough of Bentleyville, Pa., has been living here since April, 1895. He was born April 21, 1864, on a farm in Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of James B. and Mary Diana (Wolf) Pierson.

James B. Pierson, father of Jacob W. Pierson, was engaged in farming in Fayette County for many years and owned valuable property there. In 1895, after disposing of his coal lands, he came to Bentleyville, Washington County, and resided here until the time of his death, February 20, 1905. He is survived by his widow, who resides at Bentleyville.

Jacob Wolf Pierson was reared on his father's farm in Fayette County and from there he came to Bentleyville, as did his parents, in 1895. For six years he conducted a general store, which he later disposed of and then located on his present property, which is one of the best improved farms in the borough, and on which, in 1907, he erected a fine modern frame house. Mr. Pierson is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church. He is serving on the Bentleyville school board, his associate members being: A. N. Booth, president; J. L. Hager, secretary; and A. J. McCormick and T. G. Frye.

On October 19, 1899, Mr. Pierson married Emma Luce, who was born at Perryopolis, Fayette County, Pa., a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Luce, and of their union have been born four children: Helen Ruth; Gertrude Adeline; Mary Sevilla; and James Luce.

ISAAC C. PATSCH, a representative citizen of Houston, Pa., where he has been engaged in the blacksmith business for himself since 1880, may be numbered among the early settlers of this borough, as there were only eight houses in the place when he came here with his father in 1872. He was born at Triadelphia, Ohio County, W. Va., January 19, 1856, and is a son of William and Annie E. (Clemmens) Patsch.

Many of the old families of Pennsylvania and West Virginia have interesting records of early times when their hardy ancestors had dangers to face that required brave hearts and indomitable courage. Few fought more valiantly than did Jacob Miller, Sr. (great-great-grandfather of Isaac C. Patsch) before he became a victim of a band of savage Indians. With John Hupp, a neighbor, he was killed on Easter Sunday, 1782. The two men were on their way to visit a friend and were surprised just before reaching their destination, by a band of hostile Indians. The lonely path led into a dense forest and with hideous yells the savages captured their

victims and scalped them. This terrifying news was quickly carried to the few scattered farm houses and all who could reach there of the men, women and children, took refuge in the Miller blockhouse, which had been erected for such an emergency. Those who managed to get within the walls were prisoners, the blockhouse being soon surrounded by a party of seventy hostile Indians. Inside were no provisions and but little ammunition. Among those present were the wives of the slain Miller and Hupp and from their trusty rifles, pointed through the port-holes, went shots that laid many a warrior low. So continuous was the firing that the Indians were deceived into thinking that a large number of settlers were in the fort, and it is supposed that that made them withdraw when night came and they went on their devastating way to other settlements. The bodies of their victims were not discovered for some days afterward, as all were afraid to leave the shelter of the blockhouse, but when parties ventured forth, the sad fate of their former comrades was discovered. Their bodies were found about half a mile distant, on a ridge, in a small path that led into the forest. They were brought to the fort for burial, wrapped together in a sheet and lowered into one grave. Some heavy puncheons served to mark the place of burial. The ground around afterwards became sacred for burial purposes, and in the same grove rest the bodies of Jacob Crow, Jacob Miller, Jr., Ann Hupp and her daughter, Margaret Titus, and others of their friends. This graveyard is situated in a ravine near the waters of Little Buffalo Creek, a few yards from the residence of Clinton Miller, who now owns this land.

William Patsch, father of Isaac C., was born near North Buffalo Church, in Washington County, Pa., later moved to Donegal Township and settled on the farm belonging to an uncle. While living there he was married. He then moved to Triadelphia, W. Va., where he lived until 1864, when he removed to Claysville, Pa., in which place he conducted a blacksmith shop. In 1872 he opened a shop in the hamlet of Houston and lived there until 1886, when he retired from business and located at Washington. In 1890 he moved from there to Allegheny, and there he died in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years. He married Annie E. Clemmens, who was born in 1829 and is now in her eighty-first year. Her father was Nicholas Clemmens and he died in Donegal Township, in 1870, when aged eighty-three years.

To William Patsch and wife the following children were born: Alexander M., who is a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Isaac C., subject of this sketch; William, who died at Houstonville, in 1874; George E., who is a merchant at Houston; Lizzie, who married Albert Boone, and resides at Allegheny; Katie Belle, who died in 1870; Alice, who is a resident of Allegheny; Burney M., who died in



boyhood; and Ralph C., who is in business in Allegheny.

Isaac C. Patsch attended school until he was about sixteen years of age, at Triadelphia and Claysville, and then entered his father's shop to learn the practical details of a business that he says he is yet, after these many years, continually learning something more about. Since May 9, 1872, he has worked continuously as a blacksmith and is known far and wide as a very expert one. He does a large business and has a first-class shop, with all modern appliances in the way of the tools of his trade. He has done well financially, owns a fine home which he built in 1893, together with his shop and some six other valuable properties in the borough.

Mr. Patsch married Miss Jennie Ferris, a daughter of James and Ellen Ferris, of Houston, and they have had the following children: Anna Mazie, who married John German, of Houston; Emma Elsie, who lives at home; William Clark, who works with his father; Albert B., an enterprising young man who is a student in the Washington Business College and carries on business as a newsboy; and Izora B., James Glenn, Ellen, Lola and Isaac E., all residing at home. Mr. Patsch is a very intelligent man and has his own ideas on public matters. He has never identified himself with any political party as his preference has always been to vote for the best man irrespective of his party connection.

MRS. ELIZABETH M. DAVIS, widow of the late George Davis, and a member of one of the old and representative families of South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in this township, and is a daughter of James and Mary (White) Martin.

James Martin was born in York County, Pa., in 1792, and came to Washington County in boyhood. In 1821 he married Mary White and they had the following children: Peter B., Samuel, James, John W., Matthew, Mary Jane, Ebenezer H., Ann Elizabeth, Elizabeth M., William H., and Thomas J. After his marriage, James Martin operated a sawmill, and also engaged in farming, in South Strabane Township. He was a Republican in his political attitude, and both he and wife were worthy members of the United Presbyterian Church. In 1878 his wife died and his death followed in 1887.

Elizabeth M. Martin attended the country schools, completing her education at the Olome Institute at Canonsburg. She was married to George Davis, who was a son of William and Juliet (Palmer) Davis. William Davis was born in West Bethlehem Township, October 6, 1810, and remained there until 1847, when he bought a farm in South Strabane Township. He was a man of considerable prominence in the county; for nine years was a member of the poor board and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church at Washington, and a director in the First National Bank of that place. He was

married (first) January 28, 1836, to Juliet Palmer, who died October 11, 1841, leaving three children: George, John K. and Mary Elizabeth. On August 15, 1844, he was married (second) to Phoebe E. Moore, who died July 8, 1852. His third marriage, in 1853, was to Mary Kerr, and they had one son, William H.

After marriage, George Davis and wife located in Washington and there Mr. Davis became one of the leading hardware merchants of the borough. He erected a fine residence on his farm of ninety-two acres, in South Strabane Township, just one-half mile east of Washington, and that continues to be the family home. George Davis was a successful business man, and was esteemed by his business associates. He possessed the sterling traits of character that made him a valuable citizen and a good husband, father and neighbor. With his family he was connected by membership and was actively interested in the First Presbyterian Church at Washington. Politically he was a Republican.

Five children were born to George Davis and wife: Mary E., Annie M. and Nettie T., who reside at home; Elizabeth M., who is the wife of John R. Stevenson, of Bellevue, Pittsburg, Pa.; and Nellie G., who died at the age of fifteen months. The death of the father of the above family occurred in 1902, and his burial was in Washington Cemetery.

ANDREW McDONALD, one of Nottingham Township's most representative citizens, who, for more than forty years served in some public capacity in Washington County, and is also one of the honored survivors of the great Civil War, resides on his farm of sixty-five acres, situated about eight miles northwest of Monongahela, Pa. Mr. McDonald was born on this farm, April 20, 1840, and is a son of John and Mary (Tish) McDonald.

Andrew and Mary (Hair) McDonald, the grandparents, came to America from Scotland and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia, securing 400 acres of land. During his period of residence there, Andrew McDonald was a small slave holder. Later, as his family increased, he decided to provide different surroundings for them and in 1799 he sold his Virginia estate and in 1800 bought 200 acres of land in Washington County, Pa., on which he settled. He followed farming and stock raising and also operated a distillery, as was the very general custom at that time, and was considered one of the prominent and substantial men of his day. Both he and wife lived to be about seventy-five years of age. They had eight children, the two younger ones being born on the farm which the present Andrew McDonald owns. The family record reads: Esther, who was the wife of Abel Leyda; John; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Gault; Mary, who was the wife of William Henry;

Matilda, who was the wife of William Sauters; Eben; Gabriel; and Louisa, who was the wife of John Munn. All are now deceased.

John McDonald, father of Andrew McDonald, was born on his father's farm near Martinsburg, Va., and frequently told his children of the long trip made by wagon from there to Washington County, this being before the National Road was built. The way over the mountains was the old Braddock trail. He lived single until fifty years of age and then married Mary Tish, who was born at Frederickstown, on the Monongahela River, in which stream her father was accidentally drowned on the night of her birth. John McDonald and wife lived and died on the present farm, the former when aged sixty-four years. His widow survived him forty-four years, being seventy-seven years old at the time of her death. The following children were born to them: Andrew; Mary, who married Thomas Jennings; Nancy Jane and Edith, both of whom are deceased; Gabriel, who married Dessie Galley; John; Hiram, deceased who married Mira Patterson, of Nebraska; and Matilda, who married Robert Morton.

Andrew McDonald was only fourteen years old when his father died and thus heavy responsibilities fell upon him at an early age. He took charge of the farm and has always resided here and has devoted his land to general farming. In 1862, Mr. McDonald enlisted as a private for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Co. E, in the celebrated Ringgold Cavalry, and on New Year's Day, 1864, was promoted to the rank of corporal and served faithfully until the close of the war. An extremely interesting diary covering one year of his war experience is found in the Washington "Reporter" of date, Friday, August 17, 1900.

On May 17, 1866, Mr. McDonald was married to Miss Isabella P. Whitfield, who was born in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa. Her parents were Nicholas and Fannie (Harding) Whitfield, pioneers in the western part of the State, the father having a mill on Mingo Creek. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald eight children were born, all of whom are living and there are also a number of grandchildren, the eldest being now seventeen years of age. The eldest daughter, Fannie, is the widow of H. Morrison, and she has the following children: Clarence L., Isabella P., Laura R., Andrew M. and Walter E. Morrison. The second daughter, Laura P., married Elmer Myers and they have two children: Raymond and Sarah I. Myers. John Robeson, the eldest son, married Pearl Wesley and they have two children: Eugene and Paul McDonald. The second son is George C. The third son, Edward R., married Catherine Deddion, now deceased, who left one child, Florence E. McDonald. The fourth and fifth children of Mr. McDonald are sons, An-

drew and Joseph, the former of whom married Elizabeth McMillen, and they have one son, Harry McDonald. The youngest member of the family, Hattie Eldora, married Earl A. Dague, and they have one son, Merrill Dague. Two grandchildren are deceased.

Mr. McDonald is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has been a life-long Democrat and his fellow citizens have shown their confidence in him by electing him to office almost since he first reached his majority. For forty years and two months he served the people and filled every township office except that of constable and for twenty-five years was a justice of the peace. This office he resigned in 1907 and was succeeded by Rev. E. F. Hyde.

WILLIAM PAUL, a prominent resident and successful agriculturist of North Franklin Township, Washington County, has resided on his valuable farm of 120 acres since 1870, and devotes his large domain to general farming and special gardening. He was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., June 19, 1834, and is a son of Huston and Nancy (Heekathorn) Paul.

Huston Paul was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, and was a son of William Paul, who had settled there in his early manhood, coming from Eastern Pennsylvania. Huston Paul operated a grist and saw-mill about five years after his marriage, not far from Amity, Pa., and then purchased a farm in South Strabane Township, located about one mile south of Washington, and there engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1887. In his early years he was a Whig, but later became a Republican and at different times served acceptably in local offices. He married Nancy Heekathorn, who was born in Greene County, Pa., and of their children there are four survivors, namely: Hannah, who is the widow of John C. Hastings, resides at Washington; Catherine J., who resides on South Main street, Washington; William; and Nancy E., who also resides on South Main street, Washington.

William Paul attended the public schools of Washington County in boyhood and afterward spent three years of study at Washington College, prior to its being merged with Jefferson College. He then entered upon an active agricultural life, the educational training he had received being beneficial in many ways. He married Miss Martha Vance, who was born in South Strabane Township, a daughter of Samuel Vance, who was an early settler in that section and became a prominent citizen, the hamlet of Vance Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in South Strabane Township perpetuating his name. To Mr. Paul and wife were born seven children, namely: Philo V., who resides in



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Duquesne, Pa.; Samuel H. and Cary B., both of whom are now deceased; Isaac E., residing at Washington, is a member of the firm of Paul and Post, hardware dealers; and Mary R., N. Alice and Mattie, all of whom reside at home. Mr. Paul has given all his children educational advantages and the three daughters are graduates of the Washington Female Seminary. The family belongs to the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington. Mr. Paul is a type of the best citizenship of the county, public spirited, progressive and well informed on all the stirring affairs of the times. In his political views he is a Republican, but he has carefully avoided taking upon himself the responsibilities of office.

J. FREMONT COLVIN, a retired farmer residing at California, Pa., where he holds the office of street commissioner, has been a resident of the borough since May, 1905. He was born on a farm in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., September 22, 1856, and is a son of Abraham and Christina (Frye) Colvin, and a grandson of Stephen Colvin, who was one of the early settlers of Fallowfield Township.

J. Fremont Colvin obtained his education in the schools of his native township and the State Normal School at California, Pa. He taught school for seven winters while devoting his summers to farm industries and after that until he retired to California, devoted himself entirely to farming and stock raising. He still owns his farm in East Pike Run Township, also owns property in the borough, and recently erected a commodious frame house near his own handsome residence on Fourth street.

Mr. Colvin married Miss Hattie Jackman, who was born, reared and educated at California. She is a daughter of Barnard and Ruth (Lilley) Jackman. Her brother, W. S. Jackman, who died in 1907, was dean of the School of Education of the University of Chicago. He was associated for many years with Dr. Parker in the Cook County Normal School. When Mrs. Emmons Blaine founded the School of Education in connection with the University of Chicago, Mr. Jackman became identified with it. He was a graduate of the State Normal School at California, also of Meadville College, Pa., and of Harvard University. Mr. and Mrs. Colvin have one son, Wilbur E. Although Mr. Colvin is retired from farm life he is still a very active citizen and has served two years in his present office and during this time many important improvements have been made as a result of his supervision and excellent judgment. He is a representative of two of the oldest families of Fallowfield Township, both of his grandfathers, Stephen Colvin and Abraham Frye, having been pioneers and men of importance to this section in their day.

NOAH THOMPSON, coal operator, who runs a coal pit at Gastonville, Pa., has been a resident of Washington County since 1882. He was born near Liverpool, England, April 19, 1857, and is a son of William and Mary (Ashcroft) Thompson.

William Thompson and wife passed their lives in England. He was a man of ample means before his death, owning a department store in the town of Bolton, near Liverpool, having previously been a coal miner. He married Mary Ashcroft, who survived him some years. They had nine children, namely: John and Sarah, twins, the former of whom is now deceased; Noah, William, James, Mary, Eliza, Enoch, and George, deceased. Noah was the only one of this family to establish his home in America.

Mr. Thompson was only ten years old when he began work in the coal mines, and he continued as a miner in England until October, 1881, when he sailed for America. The coal mines of Pennsylvania attracted him, and after reaching McKeesport, he at once went to work in the Stone coal mines. While engaged there he married and in 1884 came to Gastonville. He bought his coal and residence property from Joseph Gaston. It was a good investment and he soon had a coal pit opened and later bought more coal property from J. M. Curry. He gives employment to several men and his output is 40,000 bushels of coal a year. He is recognized as a very good business man and in the choice of property and other ventures has shown admirable business forethought and judgment. He lost his first residence by fire, April 4, 1887, but has replaced it by his present comfortable house, which contains nine rooms and which was completed in August, 1887. He also built four other houses which he rents out.

At Pittsburg, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss S. Barnes, and they have had nine children: Mary Alice, W. Earl, Anna, Lillian, John E., Sarah J., Noah, Margaret and Mildred, the two latter twins. Anna died aged twenty years and Mildred, when aged five years. In politics, Mr. Thompson is a Republican and he has served with efficiency in township offices.

C. M. LINN, who is carrying on agricultural operations on a fine farm of 160 acres, located on the Canonsburg and Cecil Road, three miles north of Canonsburg, was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., May 5, 1861, a son of James and Ellen (Pollock) Linn, and grandson of Matthew Linn.

James Linn was born in North Strabane Township, where he attended the common schools. He then went to farming in that locality, in 1877 removing to Hopewell Township, where he carried on farming operations until his death in March, 1895, when sixty-seven years old. He

was buried in the Washington Cemetery. In early life he was a member of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, but later transferred his membership to the North Buffalo Church of the same denomination. He was a Democrat, but never aspired to public office, preferring to give his whole time and attention to his farm. He and his wife were the parents of six children, as follows: Laura Loretta; John P., residing near Washington, Pa., who married Nora Weaver; C. M., residing in Cecil Township, who married Jennie Anderson; W. H., residing in Canton Township, who married Lena Dougherty; Charles Finley, and James Bartley, residing in Hopewell Township.

C. M. Linn attended the common schools of North Strabane Township, after leaving which he went to work for John B. McConnell, in whose employ he continued for eight years. After leaving Mr. McConnell he went to house keeping (after marriage) on the adjoining farm—the Robert Johnston farm—where he resided for thirteen years, moving then to his present property in Cecil Township, where he has since resided. He has remodeled and improved his farm, raises sheep and high grade cattle, and has one of the best properties in this part of the township. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' Trust Company of Canonsburg. A Republican in politics, he has been road commissioner for seven years, and he is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, of which he was a trustee for several years.

Mr. Linn was married to Jennie Anderson, daughter of John W. Anderson, and two children have been born to this union: Mary Estella, who married J. C. Hickman; and Clarence Marvin, who is attending common school.

**JAMES G. HOPPER**, a member of the prominent business firm of Hopper Bros., funeral directors and furniture dealers at Canonsburg, Pa., was born in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of John and Margaret (Morgan) Hopper.

The paternal grandfather, Samuel Hopper, was born in the north of Ireland and came to Lancaster County, Pa., early in the nineteenth century, where he married Eliza Barclay and they then moved to Allegheny County. They had the following children: Nancy, who married Alexander Fitch; Eliza, who married Thomas Campbell; Mary, who married James Wallace; Robert, who was a farmer in Allegheny County, and died there, having married Abigail Hickman; Arthur, who died in Washington County (married Betsey Middlesouth); John, who married Margaret Morgan, and died in Allegheny County; Andrew, who married a Miss McCowan; James, who died as the result of an accident; and Samuel, who died in 1849, from yellow fever, while serving as captain on a steamboat on the Mississippi River.

John Hopper, father of the Hopper Bros., of Canonsburg, was born in 1820 and died in September, 1896, at the age of seventy-eight years. His life had been devoted to agriculture. He married Margaret Morgan, who died in 1877, at the age of fifty-four years. Their family consisted of the following children: Annie E., S. Morgan, Wesley J., James G., Arthur J., Harry B. and Billingsley M. Annie E., who is now deceased, was the wife of William F. McKenery. Her death occurred in Westmoreland County, at West Newton, in 1897, and she was survived by four children, John, Margaret, Arthur and Harry. S. Morgan Hopper resides on a farm in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County. He married Etta Shane, a daughter of Henry Shane, of Allegheny County, and they have three children, Margaret, who is the wife of Elmer Bock; Harry, who married Pearl Osborn; and Grace, who married Ramsey McWhinery, of Cecil Township, Washington County.

Wesley J. Hopper, who is a member of the firm of Hopper Bros., at Canonsburg, was educated in the public schools and Oakdale Academy. He was associated formerly with his brother, James G. Hopper, in business at Bridgeville, and accompanied his two brothers, James G. and Arthur J., to Canonsburg, in 1904.

Arthur J. Hopper was born in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, attended the public schools there and Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, and prior to accompanying his two brothers to Canonsburg, in 1904, conducted a general store at Oakdale, Pa., for twelve years. He married Miss Jennie V. McMullen, a daughter of Joseph and Ellen McMullen, of Sistersville, W. Va. Mrs. Hopper was born in the State of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper have one daughter, Helen.

Harry B. Hopper died in April, 1897, unmarried. He was a traveling salesman for the Hydraulic Power Company, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He was a well educated and successful business man. Billingsley M. Hopper was educated in the public schools and at Oakdale Academy, and is now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Oakdale. He married Miss Lottie Leopold, a daughter of Henry Leopold, of Oakdale.

James G. Hopper grew to manhood in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and remained on the home farm until he went into a livery and undertaking business at Bridgeville, where he continued until he came with his two brothers, Wesley J. and Arthur J. Hopper to Canonsburg, in March, 1904. These three brothers comprise the firm of Hopper Bros., one which stands very high commercially. They purchased the business of Alexander Speer when they came to this city, enlarged its scope, fitted up handsome and appropriate quarters and have done a large business here. They are practical, reliable and energetic men and enjoy the full confidence of the community, individually as well as collectively.

James G. Hopper was married (first) to Miss Margaret H. Robb, who died in 1893. She was born in North Fayette Township, Allegheny County, and was a daughter of John Robb. She was survived by one daughter, Dorothy M. Mr. Hopper married secondly Miss Etta Van Eman, a daughter of J. J. and Margaret (Espey) Van Eman. The Hopper brothers are numbered with the substantial men of Canonsburg and they also own considerable valuable real estate in Allegheny County.

CHARLES CLINTON CRACRAFT, M.D., a general practitioner of medicine, located at Claysville, Pa., enjoys a reputation for ability and skill that extends over Washington County and beyond, was born in Washington County, Pa., April 9, 1856. His parents were Archibald C. and Sarah J. (Bell) Cracraft.

On the paternal side, Dr. Cracraft comes of English ancestry and Revolutionary stock. On the maternal side the ancestry is Scotch, Irish and Welsh. Archibald C. Cracraft was born in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., and was a son of William Cracraft, an early settler there, who was a son of Dr. Charles Cracraft, who was a major-surgeon in rank, during his service in the Patriot Army.

The Cracrafts came originally from Yorkshire, England, settled in the New World in what is now the State of New Jersey, later emigrated to western Pennsylvania and about 1783 settled in Washington County, Pa., on the headwaters of Ten-Mile Creek. They were pioneers, being among the earliest settlers of this region. The land comprising the Cracraft farm and now owned by the Cracraft heirs, viz., Dr. C. C. Cracraft, W. A. Cracraft, Esq., brothers, and Mrs. George B. Darrah, a sister, is an original tomahawk claim blazed by one Atkinson, a brother-in-law of Maj. Charles Cracraft. Maj. Cracraft took up a similar claim farther down the creek and before proving up the claims the brothers-in-law traded claims and Maj. Cracraft took title in the upper tract known as the Pheasant's retreat and this tract of land has remained in the Cracraft name ever since and is one of the few instances in which land in Washington County, Pa., remains in the name of the original patentee. (The subject of this sketch has heard his grandfather, William Cracraft, say that the last white man killed by the Indians in Washington County was killed on the Cracraft farm a short distance from where the dwelling house now stands.)

Maj. Charles Cracraft served with honor and distinction as surgeon and major during and to the end of the Revolutionary War and was honorably discharged at Pittsburg. The government had no funds to pay the discharged soldiers and he received in lieu of pay a grant of the land on which the city of Detroit, Mich., now stands, but he thought so little of its value that he never

even went to see it, and never proved up his claim, instead settling in Pennsylvania. The Cracrafts are and always have been civil, law-abiding citizens, ready at all times to serve their country in any capacity, civil or military, and while not being office seekers, have frequently been called upon for public service.

William Cracraft, the grandfather of our subject, served for ten years as justice of the peace and in that time never tried a case, being uniformly successful in settling all his cases peacefully and to the satisfaction of the litigants. So successful was he that he earned the title of peacemaker. Elbridge G. Cracraft, an uncle was at one time a cadet at West Point and later, in 1845, was elected to the State Senate from Washington County. William A. Cracraft, a brother, is serving his fourth consecutive term as school director and his third consecutive term as justice of the peace.

Charles Clinton Cracraft was reared in what is now South Franklin Township, in his boyhood attending the local schools and doing his full share of work on the home farm. He taught school in 1875-6, and later (1877) entered Washington and Jefferson College, class of '80. Afterwards he taught school for two years in South Franklin Township and during this time began his preliminary studies in medicine. He subsequently entered the office of the late Dr. George A. Daugherty, at Washington, remaining with him from March, 1879, until prepared for Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in 1883, a member of one of the largest classes that ever proudly departed with diplomas from that old and honored medical school, numbering 228 graduates. Dr. Cracraft began his practice at Midway, in Washington County, later practiced for several years at England village and still later at Denver, Col. While at Denver he was a member of the faculty of Gross Medical College, as a specialist on throat diseases. In 1894 Dr. Cracraft came to Claysville and has here built up a large and lucrative practice and he is numbered with the leading men in his profession in Washington County. He is a valued member of the Washington County Medical Society and a frequent contributor to its literature. He belongs also to the Pennsylvania Medical Society and to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Cracraft was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Moore, a daughter of the late Daniel Moore, of South Franklin Township, and they have one daughter, Reine M., who is an accomplished young lady, a graduate of Washington Seminary. Dr. Cracraft and family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is identified prominently with a number of fraternal organizations, belonging to Hopewell Lodge, No. 504, I. O. O. F., of which he is past district deputy grand master, and for the last twelve years has been treasurer of the local lodge; to the Knights of Pythias, Claysville Lodge,

No. 121, and served five consecutive years as keeper of records and seal. He organized the Tenskwatawa Tribe of Red Men at Claysville, an order which is in a thriving condition. He is also a past master of Claysville Lodge, No. 447, F. and A. M., and a Shriner, having been elevated to the thirty-second degree in the fraternity.

Dr. Cracraft has always taken an earnest interest in civic affairs, having served the borough of Claysville four years in the capacity of school director, three years on the town council two of which he was its president, and is just completing a five-year term as secretary of the local board of health, having previously served as a member of that body for two years. He is also local registrar of births and deaths, having served in that capacity ever since the law went into effect four years ago. Dr. Cracraft also was a member of the board of U. S. pension examining surgeons at Washington, Pa., for several years, and was at different times its president, secretary and treasurer.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Claysville and while like Dr. MacClure he "disna tribble the Kirk often," he is always ready to aid any Christian cause or worthy charity.

DAVID W. MYERS, who resides in a pleasant and comfortable home at No. 249 North Wade avenue, Washington, Pa., has been a resident of Washington County all his life and has been identified with its agricultural and public affairs. He was born October 13, 1846, in West Bethlehem Township, this county, and is a son of Stephen and Luciah (Jenkins) Myers.

Stephen Myers was born in West Bethlehem Township in 1805 and died in 1875. His father was John Myers, who came to Pennsylvania from Germany, settling in West Bethlehem Township among the pioneers. Stephen Myers became a man of local prominence, and was successfully engaged in agriculture for a long period of many years. His wife Luciah was also born in Washington County. They had a family of four children—Hannah, who is the widow of S. C. Bane, and resides in Washington; Ella, who is the wife of J. A. Moninger, of Amwell Township; Elizabeth, and David W., the direct subject of this sketch.

David W. Myers was reared in West Bethlehem Township and was educated in the common schools and at Washington and Jefferson College. He followed farming and stock raising quite extensively until 1906, when he retired from the farm and has since resided in the borough of Washington. From early manhood Mr. Myers has taken an intelligent interest in politics and has so enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens as to have been frequently elected to public office. Thus he served for twelve years as a director of the poor,

being elected first in 1889 and subsequently in 1892, 1895 and 1898, and was elected in 1905 and served one term of three years as a county commissioner. He has served the township in various offices, such as assistant assessor and school director, having been chosen to the latter office soon after attaining his majority. His public duties have always been performed with as much care and fidelity as though they concerned only his private interests, and as a result he has made a competent and useful public official.

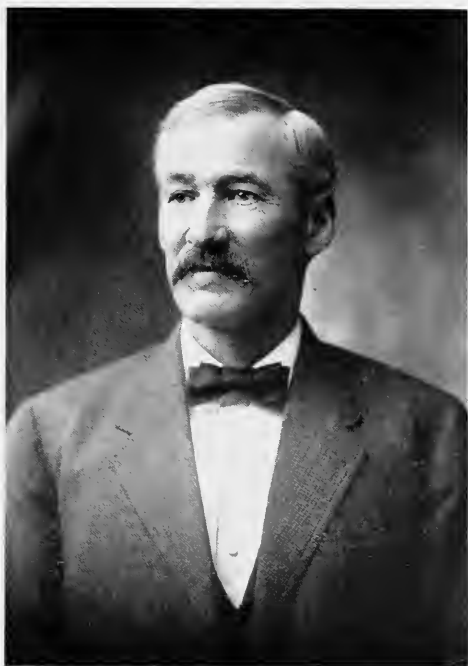
Mr. Myers was married November 27, 1873, to Miss Elizabeth Roberts, a daughter of J. D. Roberts, one of the old families of West Bethlehem Township, and they had four children, two dying in infancy, a daughter, Leona Irene, died in May, 1902, aged 25 years, one son, Albert E., survives and is engaged in business in Washington, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington, and prior to leaving the country were identified with the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church, he having served as a Ruling Elder in that congregation a number of years until his removal to Washington. Having lived close to nature all his life, Mr. Myers now devotes his time to the cultivation of fruits and flowers, the oversight and adornment of his farm and home grounds and finds leisure for reading and study.

JOHN R. TAYLOR, who was born on his present farm of ninety-two acres of well developed land, situated in South Strabane Township, one and one-half miles northeast of Washington, Pa., April 28, 1874, is one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of this section and is a member of an old and important family. His parents were Matthew and Jane (Forrest) Taylor.

Matthew Taylor, father of John R., was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, March 5, 1817. His grandparents were Henry and Jane (White) Taylor, the former of whom was a native of Wales. They had seven sons and six daughters, the eldest son being the first white male child born west of the Alleghany Mountains. Henry Taylor, about 1770, took what was termed a "tomahawk right" to two great tracts of land, one of 1,200 and the other of 1,700 acres, all lying in what is now South Strabane Township. A part of this property, including the farm owned by John R. Taylor, has ever since been owned in the Taylor family.

Matthew Taylor was reared on the paternal farm and was married May 26, 1864, to Jane Forrest, a daughter of George and Alice (Rhodes) Forrest. George Forrest was born in Edinburg, Scotland, and in boyhood accompanied his parents to Penrith, County Cumberland, England, and when eighteen years of age went to London, where he was married. The children of George





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Forrest and his wife were: Alice, who married Hugh W. Boyle; Emma, who married John R. Hallam; George; Jane, who married Matthew Taylor; and Robert R. and John R. To Matthew Taylor and wife three children were born: George Forrest, Rachel May and John Richard. Matthew Taylor died October 15, 1889, and was buried in the Washington Cemetery. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a Republican in politics and frequently was elected to township offices. In every relation of life he measured up a worthy man and his memory is cherished by his kindred.

John Richard Taylor attended the Gray schoolhouse near his father's farm before he was old enough to become a pupil in the Washington Schools. Later he spent three years at Trinity Hall, also attended the State Normal School at California and subsequently Washington and Jefferson College, after which he returned to agricultural pursuits, settling on the home farm. He has, it seems, proved in his own case, the competence of a college bred farmer, as he has produced bigger crops from his land than any of his predecessors. His father put up all the buildings and these Mr. Taylor has kept in complete repair and also given some attention to his six oil and gas wells on the place. In addition to his farm interests, Mr. Taylor is a stockholder in the Union Trust Company of Washington. He is also largely concerned as a contractor for the building of highways and has completed, to the satisfaction of the taxpayers, three miles of the West Middletown road.

Mr. Taylor was married in June, 1895, to Miss Eliza Jane McCandless, a daughter of George and Sarah McCandless, of New Castle. They have had five children: Helen Goff, Katherine Jane, Sarah McCandless, Dorothy Isabel, and Gertrude, who died when aged nine months. The family attend the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington. Mr. Taylor is a Republican in politics and fraternally is identified with the Elks.

WILLIAM FASSBACH, farmer, dairyman and coal dealer, an industrious, enterprising and reliable business man of Union Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in Germany, March 15, 1854, and is a son of Fred and Johanna (Firestone) Fassbach.

The father of Mr. Fassbach died in Germany, but the mother still lives in the old home. There were six children in the family; Minnie, who is now deceased, was the wife of Hobart Oleson, also deceased; William; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Herman Myer; John; Fred, who lives in Germany; and Herbert, who resides in the United States.

William Fassbach led a busy boyhood, working as a farmer, as a teamster and as a miner. He remained in Germany until after his marriage and the birth of four

of his children, crossing the ocean with his family to America, in 1885, and coming at once to Pennsylvania. For two years he worked in the coal mines in Allegheny County and then came to Washington County and in 1889 bought ten acres of his present farm, to which he has kept on adding. He continued to work in mines in different localities and in the course of time operated a pit on his own land and from it supplies the neighboring farmers. In 1908 he embarked in the dairy business, keeps fourteen cows and operates a milk route to Gastonville and Finleyville. He still works in the mines in the winter time. He is a practical, clear-headed business man and through his industry and good judgment is able to add to his possessions yearly.

In Germany, on November 22, 1879, Mr. Fassbach was married to Miss Francesa Shercamp. Her parents were John and Mary (Huffman) Shercamp, of Germany. They had five children, Mrs. Fassbach being the second in order of birth and the only one to come to America. She has one sister, Gertrude, who is the wife of Frank Bolder; and three brothers: Herman, John and Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fassbach have had the following children: Fred, who married Elizabeth Stark, and they have one child, Emma; Henry, who died when aged twenty-two years; Frank; John, who died aged one year; Frances, who is the wife of Frank May and has one child, Clara; William, who married Susan Stolze; Mary; Lawrence and Anna. Mr. Fassbach and family belong to the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

U. G. AMES, general farmer and general blacksmith, residing in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., on the old Ferguson property, consisting of two adjoining farms, one of 117 and the other of 120 acres, was born on a farm in West Pike Run Township, near Beallsville, November 2, 1868. He is a son of Arthamen and Maria (Griffith) Ames.

Arthamen Ames, the father of Mr. Ames, was also a blacksmith by trade. He was born and reared near Scenery Hill, in Washington County, and was a son of John Ames, a farmer and horse dealer. Arthamen Ames died in West Pike Run Township. He married Maria Griffith, who was born and reared in Washington County and was a daughter of John R. Griffith, a pioneer shoemaker and shoe merchant. She survived until July 22, 1909.

U. G. Ames attended the local schools and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age and then went to Evansville, Ind., where he learned the blacksmith trade, after which he worked as a journeyman in Kentucky for several years and then set up his own shop at Duquesne, Pa. He remained in Allegheny County for three years and then came to Bentleyville, Washington County. For two years he worked there at his

trade before he settled on the present farm, in December, 1894. This farm was once the property of the great-grandfather of Mrs. Ames, Robert Ferguson, and the buildings were erected by him in 1802.

Mr. Ames was married to Miss Lizzie Ferguson, a daughter of Adam and Lucinda (De Garmo) Ferguson, the former of whom was born and reared on this farm, as was also his father. Adam Ferguson died here, but his widow survives and lives at Bentleyville. Mr. and Mrs. Ames have four children: Sherman, Charlene, Marsh and Rena. Mr. Ames has a shop on the farm, and in addition to general farming does considerable business as a general blacksmith and repair man. He is not active in politics, but shows that he is a good citizen whenever public matters are under consideration in his township.

ROBERT CAMPBELL McCHAIN, general farmer, stock dealer and dairyman, who owns forty acres of valuable land, which is situated partly in Allegheny County and partly in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Brownsville turnpike road, about one and three quarters miles north of Finleyville, is a native of Union Township, and was born on his father's farm, September 18, 1859. His parents were James and Margaret (Kelley) McChain.

James McChain was born in Ballywater, County Down, Ireland, in 1812, this being a coast town about sixteen miles from Belfast. His father was Hugh McChain, and the latter's business was deep sea fishing. James McChain was for some time a sailor; he also learned the shoemaking trade, later became a limestone dealer and contractor and owned two lime kilns. During his life on the water he served as a pilot for boats on the channel. In 1832 he came to America. Lack of means did not prevent his seeing a large part of the country. He was a good pedestrian and visited Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and from the latter city made his way on foot over the mountains to Pittsburg. On the following Christmas Day he started back to the East and finally reached St. John's, New Brunswick, where he shipped as a sailor before the mast on a vessel bound for his native land, and in the course of some weeks reached Ireland. Shortly afterward he was married to Margaret Kelley, a daughter of Sergeant John Kelley, who was an officer in the Dragoons, at Waterloo, and died two years after that memorable battle.

James McChain and wife remained in Ireland for a number of years after their marriage and the following children were born to them there: John, who died when aged twelve years; Maria; Sarah, Margaret and Elizabeth, all three deceased; John; and James, who is also deceased. In 1848, when the youngest child was about

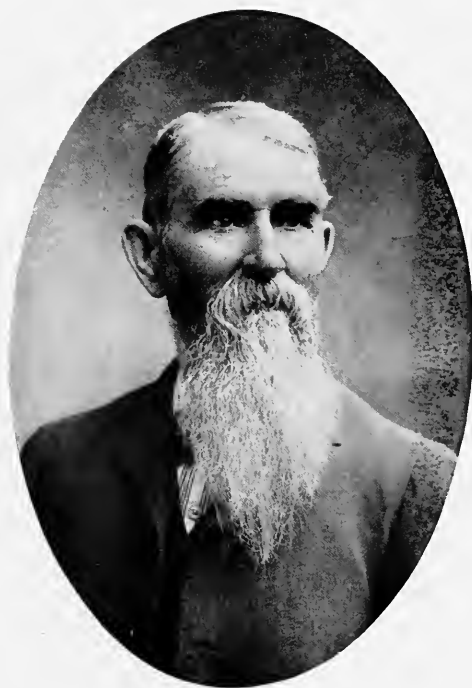
eight months old, the family took passage for America on the ship "Standard," and after a voyage of four weeks were safely landed in the United States. Mr. McChain took his family to Pittsburg, but not in the same way that he had previously made the journey, a part of the distance this time being traversed on the canal. After a short time in Allegheny County, removal was made to Washington County, where Mr. McChain followed shoemaking in Nottingham Township until 1855, when he moved to Finleyville. About two years later he went to Twelve-Mile House, in Allegheny County, and then bought a tract of eleven acres at the foot of Ginger Hill, in Carroll Township, but in 1859 he sold his little farm and moved with his family back to Ireland. He was not content there, however, and in a few months again returned to America and later bought a farm of ninety acres, situated in Union Township, and there the rest of his life was passed in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, and on that farm both he and wife died, his age being seventy-two years and hers eighty-six years. After coming to America, Mr. and Mrs. McChain had five more children born to them, namely: Hugh, Edward, William, Rachel and Robert Campbell, of whom Edward and Rachel are now deceased.

Robert C. McChain remained at home until his marriage. He attended the district schools and helped his father on the farm. He later acquired interests of his own in land and livestock and has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. After marriage he rented the farm which he now owns, which he purchased in 1894, it being locally known as the old Dr. Estep farm. In 1901 he completed the building of a new residence and has all his surroundings attractive and comfortable. His dairying is managed after modern methods, he selling his milk by wholesale, shipping to Pittsburg and supplying the Monongahela Hospital. Mr. McChain is considered an excellent judge of cattle and stock of all kinds and his judgment is frequently consulted on such matters by his neighbors.

On September 24, 1885, Mr. McChain was married to Miss Alice Sarah Finley, daughter of John and Alice (Campbell) Finley, and they have six children: Louis C., Bessie A., Bernice M., Edna G., Eugenia M. and Jessie S. Mr. McChain and wife belong to the Presbyterian Church at Finleyville. He is a Democrat.

ROBERT J. HENRY, one of South Strabane Township's representative citizens, engaged in farming and sheep raising, owns 209 acres of valuable land, situated five miles east of Washington. He was born in South Strabane Township, August 20, 1856, and is a son of John and Jane (White) Henry.

John Henry was born in South Strabane Township



WILLIAM H. MARTIN



and after this marriage, lived on a farm adjoining the one owned by his son, Robert J. He was a farmer and stock raiser. Although not actively interested in public matters, he always cast his vote and gave support to the forces of law and order in his neighborhood. His death occurred in 1887, and his burial was in the Washington Cemetery. He married Jane White, a daughter of Ebenezer White, of Canton Township, and they had four children: Ebenezer, who lives at Monroe, Iowa; Robert J.; Joseph N., who is a resident of Washington; and Lewis A., who lives at Asheville, N. C. The mother of the above family died in 1892. Both she and husband attended the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church.

Robert J. Henry attended the district schools of South Strabane Township until he was old enough to be useful on the farm, when he became interested in both farming and sheep raising and has continued these industries, keeping as many as 235 head of sheep over the winter. Following his first marriage he resided on a farm near Vanceville and from there moved to his present place, which was formerly owned by an uncle, R. D. Henry. No tests for either oil or gas had or have since been made, but a vein of Pittsburg coal had already been sold. This land is fertile and productive and Mr. Henry has all of it under tillage except twenty acres which are covered with timber. The buildings now standing were on the farm in fair condition, when Mr. Henry took charge, needing only slight repairs, which he immediately made.

Mr. Henry was married first in January, 1884, to Miss Annie A. White, of Iowa. She died in July, 1886, and her burial was in Washington Cemetery. She was a worthy member of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church. Two children survive her: Goldie J. and Winnifred. Mr. Henry married secondly Miss Jennie Ray, a daughter of John Ray, of Nottingham Township, in September, 1892. They have three children: Robert Howard, who is a student in an academy, at Washington; and Garnet Pearl and Clyde J., who attend the public school near their home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are members of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church in which he is an elder and for some years has also been a trustee. Like his father before him, he votes with the Republican party. He is serving as a school director, but has never accepted any other public office.

J. WILLIS MARTIN, general farmer and interested in oil production, who owns 236 acres of valuable land, situated five miles east of Washington, Pa., was born on this farm, April 20, 1873, and is a son of William H. and Anna M. (Thome) Martin.

William H. Martin was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, September 9, 1842, was educated in the local schools and devoted himself mainly

to agricultural pursuits through life, making a specialty of sheep raising. After marriage he settled on the farm which his only son now owns and improved the place with substantial buildings. He was a man of high standing in his section and very often was elected to township offices of trust and responsibility. He was one of the directors of the Western Pennsylvania Fair Association and through his interest in agriculture and stock raising, added largely to their importance in his neighborhood. On January 1, 1867, he married Anna M. Thome, a daughter of James Thome, and two children were born to them: Abbie E., who married Rev. W. A. Jones; and J. Willis. William H. Martin died January 19, 1905, and his burial was in the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Cemetery, both he and wife long having been members of that church. His widow survives and lives with her son on the homestead.

J. Willis Martin received his early lessons at the Davis school in South Strabane Township and later entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in the Class of 1897. He then took up the study of law under Attorney Knox, but his plans for a professional career were given up when the death of his father made it advisable for him to take over the management of the large farm. This property has been in the Martin name since 1811. Mr. Martin has repaired and remodeled some of the farm buildings and has made improvements where he deemed them necessary, and has a property that is constantly increasing in value. All but 20 acres, yet in timber, is tillable, and there are two oil wells and one gas well on his place. He owns also a second farm, containing ninety-two acres, lying northwest of the homestead. He continues the sheep industry, in which his father was so successful, and keeps a flock of about 300. He is a stockholder in the Washington Trust Company, and is a director in the Farmer's Mutual Telephone Company. On his second farm, it might be noted, he has three wells that have been producing for twenty years. In his oil operating he is a member of the firm of Martin & Co.

On September 14, 1905, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Clara Dunn Rankin, a daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth Rankin, and they have had two children: Mary Louise and Anna Elizabeth. The latter was born June 8, 1908, and lived but ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Martin attend the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. Like his father he is a Republican and is serving as a school director in his district.

GEORGE CHARLES SCHADE, purchasing agent of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works at Canonsburg, Pa., was born at Pittsburg, Pa., on February 8, 1858. His parents,

George and Gertrude Elizabeth Schade, died when he was a mere child. His father, George Schade came to this country with two of his sons from Germany in 1856; having been an active member of the Republic or Progressionist movement which started the insurrection in 1848, he, with Carl Schurz and others, was compelled to leave Germany, settling in Pittsburg, the mother with the three remaining children arriving a year later moving to that part of Pittsburg which was formerly the borough of Lawrenceville in 1862, engaging in the book and stationery business which, after his death, was continued by his sons, whose descendants are still engaged in business in that locality.

George C. Schade was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg, graduating from the academic and commercial departments of the Pittsburg high school, after which he entered the employ of the Keystone Bridge Works of that city and remaining with that concern for twenty-two years, starting in the operating department, for a time he was engaged in the drafting department, succeeding to the position of chief clerk when the above company was merged with the Carnegie Steel Company. In his different positions he gained a complete insight into business methods which he has subsequently made use of in his other connections. He left to accept the position of vice-president and general manager of the Braddock Machine & Manufacturing Company, of Braddock, Pa. After four years in this connection, he resigned to take charge of the purchasing department of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works at Canonsburg, Pa. To a large degree Mr. Schade has made his own way in the world and he possesses many of the qualities which distinguish a self-made man—courage, reliability and undisturbed perseverance.

Mr. Schade has a pleasant family circle, having married Miss Catherine Deegan, of Pittsburg. Their five children all survive, namely: Willert, who is employed by The Midland Steel Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., as sales engineer, and who married Miss Dakota Knorr, of Pittsburg; Ethel, who resides at home; Ralph C., who is connected with the Fort Pitt Bridge Works at Canonsburg; and Harold and Ruth, both of whom are in school. Mr. Schade is a member of the American Society for Testing Materials and several fraternal organizations. In politics he is independent Republican.

JOHN NELSON EALY, a prosperous stock raiser of East Finley Township, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, April 27, 1841, a son of John and Eleanor (Sprowls) Ealy. His parents were both natives of the same township. His grandfather on the paternal side, John Ealy, was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., where also he married and reared a family of chil-

dren. He subsequently came to Washington County, accompanied by his wife and several of his children, and settled in East Finley Township, not far from where the East Finley postoffice is now located. He and his wife remained residents of this locality for the rest of their lives.

One of the children who accompanied them to Washington County was their eldest son, George Ealy, born in 1773. He became a successful farmer in East Finley Township. He married Christina Ealy, born in 1786, and they had children: John, Polly, Henry, George, Michael, Martin, Mary and Christina. The last mentioned married Silas Sprowls, whom she survived. George Ealy, the father of the above named family, died June 19, 1869, his wife having preceded him to the grave in 1849.

John Ealy, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in East Finley Township, in 1803. He was brought up on the farm and in 1834 married Eleanor, daughter of John Sprowls, of East Finley Township. Their children were: Nancy, Jane, John N., Lewis, David, George W. and Silas, all of whom attained adult age. John Ealy, the father, died November 4, 1857; his wife September 9, 1886.

John Nelson Ealy was given a substantial common school education. He was instructed in all the details of practical agriculture by his father, and at the latter's death came into possession of the home place. He has since resided here engaged in general agriculture and in the raising of blooded stock, making a specialty of sheep, in which line of effort he has been very successful. His farm, which consists of 270 acres, is highly improved and the surroundings are indicative of thrift and good management, though without parsimony. Nothing essential to the equipment of an up-to-date stock farm has been neglected, and Mr. Ealy is now recognized as one of the leaders in his line of industry in the township, or, indeed, in this part of the county generally.

Mr. Ealy has served East Finley Township six years as school director, proving a competent official. He is a member of the United Brethren Church at Fairmount. A part of his farm—about 104 acres, is in West Finley Township. Mr. Ealy has never married.

George W. Ealy, mentioned above as a brother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cross Creek Township, July 8, 1847. He was educated in the common schools and came to East Finley Township when young. Here he learned farming under his father and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in October, 1899. He was married December 17, 1872, to Miss L. V. Carroll, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Seeman) Carroll, and their children were: Mary E.,



born October 26, 1873; William Hazlett, August 3, 1876; and John Hamilton, August 14, 1880. The parents were members of the U. B. Church at Fairmount.

F. W. FISCHER, a well-known citizen of South Strabane Township, Washington County, which he is serving at present in the office of roadmaster, is a busy and successful farmer and resides three miles northeast of Washington, Pa., where he owns sixty-four acres of excellent land. He was born in Hanover, Germany, November 19, 1866, and is a son of Frederick and Sophia Fischer, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. Two of their children, Louisa and Ernest Fischer, still reside in Germany. One daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Seelhorst, who is a doctor now residing in Allegheny City, came to America four years before F. W. Fischer followed. A son, Henry Fischer, had also been in America for two years prior to the coming of the younger brother. Henry Fischer died July 9, 1909.

F. W. Fischer was seventeen years of age when he came to Washington County, having previously attended school in Germany. He secured farm work in North Strabane Township and lived with the Quail family for four and one-half years, then married and after that lived at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen Edwards, for one and one-half years, but continued to work on the Quail farm, to which he then moved and lived there for two years. From there he moved to the D. D. Porter farm and from that property to the Edwards farm, where he remained for eighteen months and then purchased ten acres of George Watterson. There he made improvements, repairing the house and building a stable and lived on that place for ten and one-half years, working for the Quails however all this time. He sold that farm to the local coal company and in 1892 came to his present place in South Strabane Township. The land had been cleared and the coal all sold before he took possession, but the improvements are all of his placing and all the buildings now standing were erected by him. He carries on a general line of agricultural work.

On November 8, 1888, Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Susan Edwards, a daughter of Stewart and Ellen (Uhler) Edwards. The father of Mrs. Fischer was born at Belfast, Ireland, and came to America when twenty years of age. He married Ellen Uhler, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Uhler, and they had four children: Adaline V., who died in infancy; George B., who lives near Manifold, in South Strabane Township; Susan, who became Mrs. Fischer; and Thomas U., who lives in South Strabane Township. Stewart Edwards died in 1880 and his burial was in the Canonsburg Cemetery. His widow survives and lives near Manifold, Pa. He

was an independent in politics and both he and wife belonged to the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have four children: George, Thomas, Ernest and Susan Freda. Mr. Fischer and family belong to the Lutheran Church. He is an independent Democrat in his political opinions and has frequently been elected to township offices, serving in an important one at the present time. He served twice as clerk on the election board and once was appointed constable, but declined to accept the office.

HENRY SMITH, a prosperous and enterprising citizen of Union Township, Washington County, Pa., who is engaged in general agriculture and dairying on a farm of 150 acres, located on the electric railroad just north of Finleyville, was born on the old home farm at Castle Shannon, Pa., February 2, 1849, and is a son of John and Ann (Croco) Smith.

This branch of the Smith family is of Irish extraction and was founded in this country by Robert Smith (1), a native of Ireland, born in 1732, who came to the United States at a very early period and settled on a tract of timberland in the southern part of Allegheny County, Pa., in 1770, where he followed farming the remainder of his life. His wife's maiden name was Willson, and to this union were born, Eliza (Mrs. Nusskelly), William, John, married and moved to French Creek, Crawford County, Pa.; Robert (2) and Polly (Mrs. Robb).

Robert (2) married Jean Moore, who was of Scotch ancestry. Her parents emigrated to America from Belfast, Ireland, in 1738, to Peach Bottom, York County, Pa. With them they brought their religion, being staunch Presbyterians of the old faith. They bought a tract of land adjoining that of Robert Smith (1) in 1774 and by the marriage of Robert Smith (2) to Jean Moore, these two tracts of land came under the name of Smith—some 300 acres well timbered and underlaid with the Pittsburg vein of coal, which has remained in the Smith name down to the present generation, Robert Smith (4), of Donmout, Pa., and John C.

To this union the following children were born: Daniel, who lived in Kansas; Jenny (Mrs. Robert Cooley), of Beaver County; Mary Ann (Mrs. Henry Keifer), of Beaver County; Agnes (Mrs. Jacob Keifer), of Beaver County; Robert (3), who lived in Iowa; Polly (Mrs. John Lessnet), of Bridgeville, Pa.; Margaret (Mrs. James Orr), who lived in Ohio; William, who lived at Bulger, Washington County, Pa.; and John, the father of our subject.

Grandmother, Jean Moore Smith, lived to be ninety-one years of age and often gathered her grandchildren around her and told how she hid in the woods and corn

fields to escape the Indians. She was also acquainted with Gen. Israel Putnam.

John Smith was born in 1815 at Castle Shannon, Allegheny County, Pa., and spent his entire life on the old homestead engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Ann Croco, who was born in 1820 in the same vicinity and died January 10, 1905. She came of a distinguished family, tracing her ancestry back to Croco Castle, Poland, which is still preserved to the present day. Her grandfather was wounded in the battle of Brandywine. She had three brothers serve in the Union army and one in the Confederate army. She lived to be eighty-five years of age and several reunions were held at the old homestead, where as high as eighty-five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered around to make her happy.

To John and Ann (Croco) Smith were born: Elizabeth Jane, who married William Thompson, of Smithburg, Pa.; Margaret Ann, who is the wife of John McEwen, Beadling, Pa.; Robert (4), of Donnott, Pa.; Henry; Mary Angeline, who is the wife of George McNulty, of Knoxville, Pa.; Lucinda, who married T. McNutt, of Brush Valley, Pa.; John C. of Smithburg, Pa.; Isabella F., who is the wife of W. H. H. Wilson, of Finleyville, Pa.; Etta R., who married H. Gearhold, of Greeley, Kas.; Anna M., who married Charles Martin, of Castle Shannon, Pa.; and Miss Adeline Moore, of Castle Shannon, Pa. John Smith died on the home farm in 1882.

Henry Smith spent his youth on the homestead place, attended the schools of the township, and early in life began working on the home farm. Here he remained until after his marriage, at which time he came to his present farm, which he purchased from N. VanVoorhis and which is known by old residents as the Fair Ground farm. He has since followed general farming and dairying, shipping milk to Pittsburg, and in 1888 he erected the commodious frame house which the family now occupy. Mr. Smith was married January 9, 1872, to Emily Uhr. She is a daughter of Matthias and Regina (Snyder) Uhr, of Castle Shannon, Pa., who came from Weisbaden, Germany, in 1851, and bought the present farm, where she still resides at the age of eighty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith have reared five sons, all of whom have had college educations: Edward Uhr, Class of '97," Pennsylvania State College, took up mining engineering, but after leaving college, specialized on bridge building, in which he has been very successful, and took an active part in the construction of the largest drawbridge in the United States—that is the double-deck drawspan—over the Harlem River, New York City. He is now located with the Fort Pitt Bridge Company, Canonsburg, Pa. He married Nellie Beam Wilson and they have had the following children: Henry

Ainsworth, who is preparing for High School; Emily Ruth, Nellie F. Wilson, Lois Delena and Virginia Moore.

John Henry took dairying and agriculture in '98" at the Pennsylvania State College. After leaving college he worked with the Pittsburg Coal Company on an engineering corps. He is now engaged in farming with his father. Married Levinia Smith.

L. Robert (5) took a Mechanics Art course in '04" at the Pennsylvania State College after leaving college, worked in the templet shop of American Bridge Company, also held the position of superintendent of Pittsburg Vanadium Company. At present he is contracting for himself. He married Helen V. Cheeseman.

Howard I., Class "07," Mining Engineer, after graduating took a post graduate course, receiving degree of E. M. Resigned the professorship of metallurgy and assaying at the Pennsylvania State College (1909) to accept a position as chief engineer of the Corona Copper Company, Wenden, Ariz., where he is at present.

Frank M., senior in Class "1910," pursuing a course in forestry, has been offered a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Smith takes an active part in church work. He was a prominent figure in organizing the Finleyville Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee for eighteen years and of which church all of his sons and their families are members, Edward U. being an elder and superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

He always took an active interest in affairs of the Democratic party and has served as school director, township treasurer and county committeeman; has also seen many changes since he located on this farm. One-third of the farm was then standing timber. This has all been cleared off. Coal was just beginning to be mined three miles away on the Monongahela River. In 1876 the Pittsburg & Southern Railroad narrow gauge was built through the farm and this railroad gave way to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad through Finleyville. He has seen the village of Finleyville grow from six houses, one store and one blacksmith shop to a town of 600 population, being the center of business in the mining of coal in the district. He has also seen gas territory developed and receives gas from a well on the farm for all domestic purposes. He has also developed an extensive stone quarry on the farm, from which building stone is furnished and limestone for macadamizing streets and roads. The Charleoi Electric Line was built through the farm in 1904 and it has been paralleled by a Flinn road, thus making a pike all the way to Pittsburg. Also the rural telephone has been developed, he being a director in the Bethel Telephone Company. He thus has all the comforts of a city home—telephone, gas,





DAVID A. TEMPLETON

free delivery of mail, hot and cold water in the house, electric cars every half hour, steam road and macadamized road.

DAVID A. TEMPLETON, postmaster at Washington, Pa., has been identified with this office, either as chief or assistant, for the past eleven years and has one of the best organized forces in this section of the State. He was born at Washington, Pa., April 6, 1845, and is one of a family of seven children born to his parents, who were Dr. Joseph and Helen (Murdock) Templeton. For a number of years the late Dr. Templeton was a prominent physician and surgeon, and during his later life conducted a drug store at Washington.

David A. Templeton was reared at Washington and completed his education at Washington and Jefferson College. In 1863 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. A, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was honorably discharged July 24, 1865, with the rank of corporal. He then returned to Washington and shortly afterward embarked in a railway and express business. With the exception of a few years that was his main business until he was appointed postmaster on June 27, 1906. For eight years previously he had served under Postmaster W. H. Underwood and was thoroughly qualified for this important office. Since taking charge on July 15, 1906, he has inaugurated many reforms in the management of the office, all tending to better service to the public, proving himself possessed of much organizing and executive ability. The Washington office is one of much importance and in the proper handling of the mails he has William H. Jones as his assistant and has forty other people on his payroll.

Mr. Templeton was married to Miss Anna S. Morgan, a daughter of Jacob Morgan, and they have one son, George D. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton are members of the First United Presbyterian Church. Their pleasant home is situated at No. 239 Jefferson avenue. He is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic.

DR. CHARLES LEWIS EHRENFELD became a citizen of Washington County in 1871 upon his becoming principal of the Southwestern Normal College, chartered as State Normal School of the Tenth district and located at the borough of California, on the Monongahela River. He took charge July 18, 1871, being then in his thirty-ninth year.

He is a native of Mifflin County, youngest child of Med. Dr. Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, and his wife, Charlotte Catherine Stitzer, daughter of Henry Stitzer, an American soldier of the Revolution.

In his seventh year his father died, but this did not defeat his father's ambition as to his boy's education. What the local schools could not give him he acquired

in his home. Two brothers were college bred, besides two brothers-in-law, who were much of the time members of his home circle. One of these was John Brown Brackenridge, of Brownsville, Pa., principal of the Academy at Lewistown, Mifflin County, an enthusiastic scholar, a physician, afterwards minister of the Gospel, a cousin by the way, of Henry M. Brackenridge, author of *History of the Whiskey Insurrection*.

But the boy had inherited the spirit and traditions of ancestral scholarship and of the liberal professions. His father and three of his immediately preceding lineal ancestors were educated at German universities, one of whom, John George Ehrenfeld, born 1628, was Judge of the Court in the "imperial free city" of Heilbronn Württemberg, Germany, dying in 1706, the year in which Benjamin Franklin was born.

Not the least factor in the boy's education were the frequent discussions in his home circle of questions of religion, education, politics and slavery.

Personal friendships of his brothers and the progressive spirit of the President of Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, were the occasions of his going thither where he graduated in 1856, was then tutor there two years; studied theology two years, when he was called to First Lutheran Church at Altoona, Pa. In same year married Helen M., daughter of Warner Hatch, of Springfield, Ohio, and granddaughter of Asa Hatch, of Massachusetts, captain in the Revolutionary War.

He was in the active ministry eleven years at Altoona, Shippensburg, Hollidaysburg, Pa. These were regarded by many of his friends as the most strenuous and most important in his career. In them occurred the terrible Civil War, in which he was not a cipher. In those years also occurred a reactionary movement in his denomination against which he set himself and was "on the firing line." No place here for these chapters in his life.

Soon after resigning his congregation at Hollidaysburg in 1871 he was invited to visit the Normal School above named, though he had never before known of either the school or the town. Under the advice of others and the express desire of the Department of Public Instruction he accepted the prospectively trying position and entered upon its duties in July, 1871.

The population of the village where the school had been located scarcely equaled one thousand, but among them were some of the excellent of the earth that have always been an effective leaven for good in the community; and there were some who, though possessing no wealth, aimed nevertheless at large things. Among the founders of the village were some "Forty Niners," who fondly named it California, not foreseeing what an unfortunate handicap they were putting on the town and the school.

Mr. Ehrenfeld soon learned that the school financially had come to a "standstill," but that it was mortgaged for all its property could bear with a floating debt besides. Of Mr. Ehrenfeld's administration, of the rescue of the school and of its obtaining "recognition" by the State, May 26, 1874, the reader may find an account in a chapter of history now in the publishers' hands. January 1, 1877, Mr. Ehrenfeld resigned the Normal School to become financial secretary of the Department of Public Instruction. The next year he was appointed State Librarian. His conduct of that department, the report he made of the gaps in it, the appropriations he obtained and the valuable collections of books secured for it made his administration an epoch in its history; but Mr. Ehrenfeld would not be satisfied to omit saying that the present governor, Edwin S. Stuart, then at the head of the "Old Leary Bookstore," helped much by his intelligent co-operation in several ways, to make that uplifting of the State Library possible. Some time after he had taken charge of the State Library he was asked to become principal of one of the new State Normal Schools, but, although the offer was tempting, he was not yet rested from the weary toil of the school he had recently resigned.

But in 1882, after he had entered upon his second term as State Librarian, he resigned to accept a professorship of Latin, afterwards of English and Logic in Wittenberg College, his alma mater. There he remained ten years.

In 1893 he was engaged chiefly in journalism, when he was requested by the board of trustees of the South-western Normal School to act as its principal that Dr. T. B. Noss might have a year's leave of absence to study in Europe. He acceded to their request and except for two short intervals he has been connected with the school ever since, having acted as its vice principal till the year before the lamented death of Dr. Noss.

Dr. Ehrenfeld had five children, of which three sons survive, all of whom are college graduates, two of them post graduates of the University of Pennsylvania, the other also a student there for a year in Department of Philosophy. All are occupying chairs as teachers.

JACOB GERLEIN, a highly esteemed citizen of Scenery Hill, where he now conducts a popular hotel, was for many years engaged in blacksmithing in this section of Washington County, Pa. Mr. Gerlein was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 23, 1846, and was twenty years of age when he came to the United States.

On locating in New York City, Mr. Gerlein engaged in the blacksmith business, which he later carried on in Philadelphia, and in Lehigh County, between Bethlehem and Allentown. He then went back to Philadelphia, whence he removed to Baltimore, Md., and subsequently

to Cumberland, where he was engaged in business until locating on the present site of Scenery Hill. Here he erected a shop and started to build up a large trade. He met misfortune when his shop was destroyed by fire, but nothing daunted, he rebuilt his place of business, and continued to command a large share of the patronage of the residents of his vicinity until his retirement in 1903. On February 28, 1905, he purchased his hotel property from Mrs. Tombagh, which includes twenty-four acres of land, and since coming here he has made this hotel one of the most popular resorts in West Bethlehem Township.

In August, 1868, Mr. Gerlein was married to Elizabeth Platts, daughter of Ignatius Platts, and three children were born to this union: Theresa, who married David Powell; Charles, who married a Miss Smith; and Henry, a musician and graduate of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. In 1893 Mr. Gerlein's first wife died, and she was buried at Scenery Hill. On April 14, 1896, he was married (second) to Katherine Gaus, and they have had two children, Jacob, who is attending school, and Joseph, who is at home.

THOMAS H. COWAN, residing in his pleasant home at Canonsburg, Pa., which is situated on Ridge avenue, is a very well known citizen of this borough and is one of the honored survivors of the great Civil War, in which he served with courage and fidelity for three years of his young manhood. He was born near Bridgeville, in Allegheny County, Pa., November 30, 1839, and is a son of George and Julia Cowan.

George Cowan was born at McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pa., in 1812, one of a family of twelve children, and died at Canonsburg in 1898, surviving his wife for two years. In 1858 they moved to Canonsburg, where the father followed the shoemaking trade. They had the following children: Nancy Jane, who married John Scroggs, of Des Moines, Iowa; Thomas H.; Addie Jane, who died in Oregon; Alice, who married Mr. De France and lives at Youngstown, Ohio; George T., who resides at Houstonville, Pa.; Mrs. Fannie Case, who lives in Nebraska; Mrs. Elizabeth Shaler, who lives in West Washington; and Theodore and Joseph, who died young.

Thomas H. Cowan attended the district schools until he was old enough to learn a trade, after which he worked with John McFarland, of Washington, for three years and then came to Canonsburg and continued at the same work until the opening of the Civil War. In August, 1861, Mr. Cowan enrolled as a private in Co. I, 1st Pa. Vol. Cav., and was honorably discharged three years later and was mustered out at Philadelphia in 1864. He had seen a large amount of serious fighting and participated in battles which will always be recalled

as the most hotly contested of the Civil War; Drainesville, Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg and Richmond. After his military service was over, Mr. Cowan returned to Washington County and settled in Chartiers Township, where he worked continuously at his trade until 1882, when he returned to Canonsburg, where he has resided ever since and still continues actively engaged at his trade.

Mr. Cowan was married (first) to Miss Sarah Hall, of Washington, who died in 1892. Five children were born to that marriage, namely: Addie Jane, who is the wife of Addison McWilliams, of Canonsburg; Mary Tabitha, who is the wife of William Sheaf, of Canonsburg; Margaret B., who is the wife of James Melva Donaldson; Mary, who died young; and George F., who was accidentally killed on a railroad. Mr. Cowan was married (second) to Miss Sarah Patterson, a daughter of William and Jane Patterson, of North Strabane Township. To this marriage one daughter was born, Virginia, who is attending school. Mr. Cowan rejoices in the fact that he has twenty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom promise to reflect credit upon a virile ancestry and an honorable name. He is a Democrat in his political views. He is identified with the Union Veteran Legion, at Pittsburg, and with Chartiers Lodge No. 297, F. & A. M., at Canonsburg, of which he has been a member for thirty years.

G. W. LENHART, general farmer and thresher, residing in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in Allegheny County, Pa., February 17, 1876, and is a son of William and Dora (Andrews) Lenhart.

William Lenhart was born in Germany, in January, 1842. He came to America when fourteen years of age. He worked as a farm hand and then learned shoemaking and worked for three years at that trade, after which he drove a milk wagon for almost a year and afterward learned the cooper's trade and worked at the same for six years, in Pittsburg. Mr. Lenhart then learned the plasterer's trade and has followed the same ever since, in the meanwhile acquiring a small farm and dividing his attention between farming and plastering. He was married first to Dora Andrews, who died in Washington County and was buried at Lone Pine. They had five children: Elizabeth, who is now deceased; Emma, who is the wife of William Graham, and resides on a farm of thirty acres, in South Strabane Township; G. W. and Dora. In 1882 William Lenhart was married to his second wife, Margaret Nestie, who died in 1892 and was buried in the West Bethlehem Cemetery. William Lenhart has been a member of the Lutheran Church since he was fourteen years of age. Both he and son, G. W., cast their vote with the Republican party.

G. W. Lenhart attended the public schools in West Bethlehem and Amwell Townships. After his school days were over he engaged in farming and also operates a threshing machine through the neighborhood during the season. He is a member of the West Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Lenharts are highly respected citizens and are known as industrious, honest and law-abiding men of the community.

CHARLES L. FOX, a well known, successful and popular teacher, who is in his second year at the Daisy-town School, in West Pike Run Township, was born on the Galbraith farm, in East Pike Run Township, this county, December 15, 1882, and is a son of John C. and Mary A. (Smith) Fox.

John C. Fox was born in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., a son of Josiah Fox, a native of Ireland. He married Mary A. Smith, who was born in East Pike Run Township, a daughter of Rev. Asbury Smith, a minister of the M. E. Church. She was a school teacher before she married. Both parents of Charles L. Fox survive and reside on their farm of twenty-five acres, which lies in the northwestern corner of East Pike Run Township and extends into West Pike Run, about three and one-half miles northwest of California.

Charles L. Fox was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the White Pigeon school, the Northwestern State Normal School at California, where he passed three years, and the summer Normal School at Claysville, Pa., where he enjoyed a year of study. He found himself then not only well equipped for educational work, but also taking pleasure in it and this combination of knowledge and natural adaptation, has resulted in his meeting with success wherever he has accepted school work. He taught for one term in the Knott school in East Pike Run Township, two terms in the Beadal school, several years at White Pigeon and then came to Daisy-town. He continues to reside on the home farm with his parents, who are leading people in this section. Mr. Fox is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

JOSEPH M. PAINTER, general farmer and dairyman, who owns seventy-two and a half acres situated five miles east of Washington, Pa., in South Strabane Township, is a representative citizen of this section. He was born in Virginia, in 1852, and is a son of Absalom and Eva (Ludwick) Painter.

Absalom Painter was a native of Virginia and lived there until 1864, when he moved to Washington County, Pa., and settled at Scenery Hill. Later he moved to near Pigeon Creek, where he continued to reside until his death, at the age of fifty-five years. He was buried in the cemetery of the United Presbyterian Church there.

He married Eva Ludwick, a daughter of Daniel Ludwick, and they had six children: Sarah, who married James Barnett, of Zollarsville; Joseph M., Elizabeth, wife of William Gordon, who was accidentally burned to death at Washington, Pa.; Mary, who married George Amos, of Zollarsville; Sidney, who married Willis McCartney; and an infant that died unnamed. The mother of the above mentioned family lived to the age of sixty-five years and her burial was also in the Pigeon Creek Cemetery. Absalom Painter served for three years in the Civil War and was neither wounded or captured.

Joseph M. Painter was twelve years of age when he came to Washington County. He attended school in West Bethlehem Township and later in Somerset Township. He then engaged in farming, working by the month until his marriage, in 1879. Afterwards he rented a farm on Pigeon Creek in Somerset Township for one year moving from there to near Clokeyville, in North Strabane Township, where he lived five years. Five more years were passed on a farm in South Strabane Township and then he located near Mt. Pleasant Church and for a time worked by the day on a fruit farm. In April, 1906, he bought his present farm from Mills & Porter, it being valuable land for farming and pasturage, although the coal had been previously sold. He has done quite a large amount of improving and has repaired all his buildings and put them in substantial shape. He carries on general farming and keeps some high grade cattle for butter purposes. He has made his own way in the world and what he owns he has acquired through his own industry and good management.

Mr. Painter was married October 30, 1879, to Miss Sarah Greenley, a daughter of John and Mary (Baltine) Greenley, of Morgan Township, Greene County, Pa. They have had three children: Elizabeth, who married J. R. Dawson, lives near Scenery Hill, and has one daughter, Katherine; Katherine, who married Edward Dishes, of Washington, and has one daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and Albert, who died when seven years of age and was interred in the Pigeon Creek Cemetery. Mr. Painter and family are members of the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican and has served in the office of road supervisor of the township for some time.

HENRY LOUITTIT was mine inspector of the first bituminous district of Pennsylvania for a period of twenty-three years, having resigned January 16, 1909. He has been a resident of Monongahela City since 1885. He was born in Ludwith, County of Durham, England, November 1, 1849, and is the son of James and Margaret (Cummings) Louttit.

James Louttit was reared in his native country, England, and learned the ship builder's trade at Sunder-

land, England; afterwards he became master of the frigates "Active" and "Thomas Baker," respectively. In 1851 he came to America and entered the employ as a boat builder for the Walkers at Elizabeth, Pa. His wife and family shortly followed him to this country. Subsequently they removed from West Elizabeth to Rock Run, from there to Pollock & Lees, and later to Bakerstown, Pa., where his death occurred September 11, 1860.

James Louttit married for his second wife Margaret Cummings, who was also born in the County of Durham, England, and who died in 1895 at Struthers Station, Ohio. Of this union there was one child, Henry, the subject of this sketch. By a former marriage James Louttit had six other children, namely: John M., William, Margaret, Mary, James and Jane, all now deceased except Margaret, who is the widow of Thomas Innes. Margaret lives at Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho.

Henry Louttit was nearly three years old when he accompanied his mother to America, the voyage lasting seven weeks, being made in the sailing vessel. At the age of thirteen years he entered the mines as a trapper, receiving 25 cents a day for attending two doors and a ventilating furnace. He was afterwards employed as a miner, driver and dayhand. In 1872 he removed to West Elizabeth, Pa., mining coal at this place until 1877, when he accepted a position as night watchman at the Black Diamond mine, near Monongahela City, and was there promoted through the various grades of employment from watchman, roadsman, mine foreman to superintendent, and finally returned to coal mining in the same mine.

Mr. Louttit received but a limited amount of schooling in his youth, but has devoted much time to reading and study, especially on mining and kindred subjects. After his marriage he attended a select school. In 1881 he attended the examination for the office of Inspection of Mines, passing, and making an average of 93%, and in 1885 he again took the examinations, making an average of 87 7-10, which was the highest percentage attained by any of the contestants, with the exception of one candidate who passed.

A few months afterward another examination was held, in which he made a percentage of 97 7-10 which was the highest average received at that time, and was appointed a mine inspector the same year.

On May 20, 1907, Mr. Louttit opened the Ideal Theatre, which is in the fullest sense of the word an ideal vaudeville house, and is now under the management of his son, J. Harry Louttit. The interior as well as the exterior is very attractively and artistically designed, and the seating capacity and arrangement is highly satisfactory. The vaudeville acts and the moving pictures are always new and up to date, and the management insists upon good, clean conduct, both on





HENRY LOUITTIT



the stage and in the audience. The house has been highly successful from the beginning and will doubtless be equally prosperous in the future under the Louttit management.

Mr. Louttit is a member of the following orders, namely: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Free and Accepted Masons and Royal Arcanum; he is past chancellor of Justus Lodge No. 395 and past master of Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in politics and has served twelve years as member of the school board of Monongahela City, Pa., has been president of the school board, is at present the secretary, was elected as school director again on the 15th of the present month for the fifth term.

On April 6, 1869, Mr. Louttit was united in marriage with Catharine Kistler, daughter of William and Sarah Kistler. They have three children, namely: Anna, who is the wife of John Atchison and the mother of one child, Henrietta; William K., who married Mayme Anderson; and Harry, already mentioned, who married Anna Clonan and has two children—Catharine and Henry.

Mr. Louttit's residence is located at 314 Second street, which he purchased from the Keller estate in 1906.

W. G. RONEY, who has resided on his valuable farm of 102 acres, situated in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pa., for a quarter of a century, was born in Monroe County, Ohio, October 14, 1848, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Sutherland) Roney.

The parents of Mr. Roney resided at West Alexander, Washington County, for a number of years prior to moving to Monroe County, Ohio, from which place they subsequently returned to Washington County. They had the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth McKee, now deceased; Mrs. Belle Orr, now deceased; William George, of Hopewell Township; Margaret, widow of John Hamilton; John L., residing at Scio, Ohio; Samuel, residing in Cross Creek Township; and Mary C.

W. G. Roney attended the district schools and later the West Alexander Academy. Since the age of twenty-one years he has been interested in farming, although for four years after his marriage he followed lumbering also, in West Virginia. He returned then to the home farm for two years, later rented farming land in Independence Township for two more years, and in 1884 purchased his present place. Here he has met with success in his agricultural undertakings and has a farm well stocked and finely equipped as to machinery and buildings.

Mr. Roney was married February 22, 1875, to Miss Emma Terrill, a daughter of Jeremiah and Martha (Hemphill) Terrill, of Ohio County, W. Va., and they

have had five children, all of whom are now living, except one, Georgia. The survivors are: Mary Martha, who married Charles Brown, of Hubbard, Ohio; Laura J., who lives at home; Sarah, who married Joseph Castner, of Hubbard, Ohio; and Paul, who resides at home. Mr. Roney and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Buffalo, in which he served for some time as an elder. Mrs. Roney is a member of the Women's Missionary Society. In politics he is a Republican and for a long period he has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to the leading township offices, and he has served acceptably as school director, tax collector, supervisor and auditor.

O. E. RUSSELL, postmaster at Cokeburg, Pa., where he is also engaged in a dairy business, was born at Wilgus, Lawrence County, Ohio, July 21, 1870, and is a son of J. C. and Mary (Hamilton) Russell. Mr. Russell operates a dairy for J. A. Tombaugh, who owns a farm of 115 acres adjoining Cokeburg, and formerly he was manager of a store at this point, being so engaged for three years and two months. Cokeburg is a comparatively new postoffice, Mr. Russell being the first postmaster; he was appointed in 1906.

In early manhood Mr. Russell was married to Miss Myrtle J. Ingle, who died June 21, 1907, and was buried at Scenery Hill. She was a daughter of George W. Ingle, and the mother of the following children: Rosa May, who is a capable assistant to her father; and Verda Esta, John Edward, Elmer Lester, Lorain and Oscar Raymond. Mr. Russell married for his second wife, Mary Evans. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE SCOTT CHANEY, civil engineer and surveyor by profession, at Washington, Pa., has attained a high degree of success during his brief business career and is at present county engineer for Washington County, having entered on the duties of that office January 1, 1909. He was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, in 1878 and is a son of George W. Chaney (deceased) and a grandson of James Chaney, who was one of the early settlers of Washington County.

George W. Chaney, also, was born in Donegal Township, the year of his birth being 1835. He was one of the leading citizens of the county, always active in Republican politics and for many years one of the foremost wool merchants in the county.

George S. Chaney received an early educational training in the public school of West Alexander, supplemented by a course in Washington and Jefferson College, from which institution he was graduated in the Class of 1900. He also took a post-graduate course at Cornell University. For two years Mr. Chaney was engaged as

instructor, one year as teacher of mathematics and physics in Washington and Jefferson Academy, and one year as assistant instructor in civil engineering and mechanical drawing in Washington and Jefferson College. He then became associated with John M. McAdam in general engineering work and in 1903 was elected city engineer of Washington, which position he held for two terms. Later he and W. Harry Armstrong formed a partnership under the firm name of Chaney & Armstrong. They were the engineers employed in the construction of the local branch lines of the Washington and Canonsburg Railway and they do an extensive engineering business of all kinds. At the present time they have charge of all the road and bridge work of the county. Mr. Chaney is a Republican in politics and has always been more or less active in political affairs.

In 1904 the subject of this record was married to Edith A. White, of Canonsburg, Pa., and they have one son, Joseph L. Chaney. Religiously they are members of the Third Presbyterian Church. Mr. Chaney was one of the charter members of the Bassett Club and is still affiliated with this organization.

JOHN SHONTS, a member of the firm of Bane & Shonts, who conduct a general store at Granville, in East Pike Run Township, a place formerly known as Wilna Postoffice, has been engaged here since 1885. He was born on a farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, Pa., July 6, 1846, and is a son of James and Mary (Campbell) Shonts.

James Shonts was a farmer in Westmoreland County until about 1852, when he moved to Granville, in Washington County. The family resided there until John Shonts was twenty-two years old, when removal was made to Allen Township, where the mother died in 1882 and the father in 1896. They had six children: George, who was accidentally killed in a coal bank, in 1885; Elvira, deceased, who was the wife of A. W. Bane, formerly a partner in business with Mr. Shonts; Susan, deceased, who was the wife of James A. Dowler; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of David Troy; Mary, also deceased, who was the wife of Henry Hammond; and John, who has never married.

In 1885 John Shonts came to Granville from near Speers, in Allen Township, and bought an interest in the general store conducted by Arthur W. Bane, who had started the business in 1876. Mr. Bane died in the fall of 1905 and was succeeded by his son, L. C. Bane, the business being continued as formerly. A general stock is carried, including flour and feed and a very satisfactory business is done, the proprietors enjoying the confidence and friendship of residents over a large territory. Mr. Bane holds the office of checker weighman with the Vesta Coal Company.

W. A. McCALL, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at West Zollarsville, Pa., since October, 1904, and who has thoroughly gained the esteem and confidence of the people, was born in Butler County, Pa., October 8, 1878, and is a son of J. P. and Mary (Snyder) McCall. The parents of Dr. McCall reside in Franklin Township, Butler County, Pa., where his father is a farmer. The latter is one of the old members of the Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church there, of which he has been a trustee for years.

Dr. McCall attended the Franklin Township schools in his boyhood and later entered the Normal School at Slippery Rock, where he was graduated in the Class of 1897. He then taught school in Butler County for three years and during that time did his preparatory reading in medicine. Later he entered the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh and was graduated in the Class of 1904, immediately locating at West Zollarsville. He is a member of the Washington County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

In April, 1905, Dr. McCall was married to Miss Valera Thompson, a daughter of James M. Thompson. To Dr. and Mrs. McCall a daughter was born on July 21, 1906, who was named Dorothy. Both Dr. McCall and wife are members of the Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church. Like his father, Dr. McCall is a Republican.

W. H. GRIFFITHS, president of the Griffiths Charcoal, Iron and Tin Mills of Washington, which was established in 1901 and is the only plant in the United States which manufactures charcoal iron exclusively, and covers an area of twenty-one acres, was born in 1854, in Staffordshire, England, and at the age of fourteen came to America and located in Pittsburg, Pa., where he remained until about 1869, when he came to Washington. Three years later he returned to Pittsburg, where he engaged in tin plate manufacturing, and was the first to establish that business in Allegheny County, continuing there until 1895, when he came to Washington, where he has since been prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of this community. He established the Washington Steel and Tin Plate Mills, which went into operation in 1896 and which, in November, 1898, were sold to the trust, which in one year's time dismantled them. In 1899, Mr. Griffiths built and put into operation the Tyler Tin Plate Mills, which were the first independent tin plate mills built in this county after the others had been disposed of by the trust. This he sold in 1901, when he established the Griffiths Charcoal Iron and Tin Mills, where he carries on an extensive business and manufactures a material greatly superior to any other of its kind on the market. The manufacture of charcoal iron is a difficult and compli-



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eated process, and a great amount of this product is furnished to the United States government for building purposes. Roofs put on from tin manufactured at the Griffiths plant, are guaranteed for twenty years. The plant gives employment to about 225 men, and is one of the substantial industries of Washington.

In 1886, Mr. Griffiths was united in marriage with Elizabeth Scott, of Pittsburg, and they have reared four children: Mary, married W. S. Kearney, who is cashier of the Glassport Bank of McKeesport, Pa.; Elizabeth, married J. R. Eriser, of Washington; Jessie and Addie. Fraternally Mr. Griffiths is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. order.

DAVID GEORGE JONES, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company, of which he was one of the organizers, the general offices of which are in Pittsburg, with many branches at other points, is not only identified with this enormous combination of labor and capital, but is concerned in many other enterprises and is closely connected with the leading financial institutions in Washington County. His chosen home is at Canonsburg, Pa., where he gives attention to matters of social, commercial and artistic interest and also to all that relates to the well-being of the borough at large and to the comfort and safety of the great army of employes who are dependent in large measure on the wisdom of his business judgment and the vital force which enables him to carry out plans, which ultimately bring work and wages to them.

David George Jones was born at Green Oak, Westmoreland County, Pa., not far from McKeesport, August 4, 1871, and is a son of James and Anna (Ivill) Jones.

James Jones, the father, was born in Wales, in 1835, and came to America in 1858, landing on the shore of Maryland. He was then twenty-three years of age and was a blacksmith and a miner and in search of work walked over the Allegheny Mountains into Washington County. He enlisted in the Union Army and served in the Civil War. His first experience as employer and operator in the mining business was when he leased the Osceola mines and later purchased the Grant mines, at Carnegie; the Ivill mine at Monongahela, in 1882; and in 1889 he became half owner of the Catsburg mine at Monongahela City. In the latter year he organized the Rostraver mine. In 1896 he admitted his sons to a business partnership, forming the firm of James Jones & Sons and this firm purchased the coal business, steamers and barges of the T. M. Jenkins Company. The firm, continued in the coal mining and transporting business until 1899, when the Monongahela Coal Company purchased their holdings and at this time James Jones retired from the firm.

To James and Anna (Ivill) Jones, the latter of whom was born in England, the following children were born: John H., Thomas P., William I., David G., Harry P., Mary, Rachel E. and Stella. The five sons were the organizers of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company. Miss Rachel E. resides at home. Mary is the wife of William Holsing, of Canonsburg. Stella is the wife of Joseph Vitchevine, who is land agent for the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company.

David George Jones has been familiar with the mining industry since he was nine years of age. He was then a school boy and it was his task to enter the mines after school term was over for the year and perform allotted tasks suitable to his age, and thus he learned all the details of the business in which he is so important a factor at present. His father afforded him a business training later on and his first official duties were in the line of bookkeeping and attending to the banking business in relation to his father's interests. Nevertheless he became thoroughly acquainted with the whole mining business in all its practical ways, believing that he could thus better take his place among the large operators as he foresaw such a future was awaiting him. When he attends a convention of mine operators this knowledge has frequently surprised his associates. He has always had the interests of his employes at heart and is particularly well qualified to judge of their dangers, their work and their efficiency from having once been a miner himself. He is known to be an indefatigable worker and in times of great stress, when a new mine has been opened or, perhaps, some accident has been unavoidable, he has been known to keep twenty hours at work without rest.

As stated above, the five sons of James Jones founded and organized the Pittsburg-Buffalo Company, which is one of the best managed concerns of its kind in America. The company opened up the Marianna mine and have more than a dozen mines in full operation and afford thousands of men with remunerative employment, in their mines and offices. The coal output is enormous and at every branch point prosperity is present for all concerned. As general manager of this vast business, David George Jones has great responsibility resting upon him, continually testing his capacity as a leader in the business world. His other interests are scarcely less important. He is a director of the Citizens Trust Company of Canonsburg; a director of the First National Bank of Burgettstown; a director of the First National Bank at Finleyville; a director of the First National Bank of Wilson, Pa., and is president of the Farmers and Miners Bank of Marianna; president of the Dexter Coal Company of Brilliant, Ohio; president of the Rayland Coal Company of Rayland, Ohio; vice president of the Big Coal Company of Dorothy, W. Va.; president of

the Johnetta Coal Company of Pittsburg, Pa., and president of Four States Coal & Coke Company of Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. Jones was married in 1892 to Miss Mary Feechan, who is a daughter of the late Bernard and Mary Feechan. Mrs. Jones was born in Scotland and accompanied her parents to America in 1882. They settled on the Monongahela River, where her father subsequently died. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children, James B. and Francis, both of whom are students in the Canonsburg High School, the former being a member of the graduating Class of 1910 and the latter of the Class of 1912. Mr. D. G. Jones graduated from Monongahela High School with honors in the Class of 1890.

In 1909 Mr. Jones completed the erection of a very fine residence at Canonsburg. It is architecturally beautiful and has been finished according to the artistic ideas of those who will occupy it, Mrs. Jones having gained ideas for the arrangement of her drawing room while on a visit to the Vatican, at Rome. This mansion contains twenty-seven apartments and all are arranged with ideas of comfort and convenience. The whole interior is beautifully furnished, there being works of art and many reminders of pleasant days of travel in other lands. There are few ladies better known at Canonsburg than Mrs. Jones. For some years she has given a large part of her time to charitable and benevolent work and those who particularly appeal to her kind heart are the children of the miners. To them she is generous in her largesses and thoughtful and sympathetic when they are sick. It is no unusual sight to see her in the midst of a party of children in her automobile and during the past summer she gave an outing to hundreds of them. They will never forget their happy "joy rides" as they term them. Mr. Jones, with all his private interests is never forgetful of his public duties and, believing that every citizen should do his part, he has occasionally accepted the cares of office and at present is serving as a member of the borough Council; will commence to serve as school director in June. A beautiful and filial custom is the meeting of all the members of the family annually, to celebrate the father's birthday.

W. J. SUTHERLAND, a member of the West Finley Township school board and treasurer of his school district, is a representative and highly respected citizen of this section of Washington County, and he resides on the farm on which he was born, situated one mile east of the village of Good Intent, August 11, 1852. His parents were William Ross and Jane (Jordan) Sutherland.

William Ross Sutherland, whose death occurred October 14, 1900, was long one of West Finley's most justly

valued citizens. He was a man of sterling character as was shown by the way in which he honestly made his own way in the world, lent a helping hand to others, was many times honored by election to office by his fellow citizens and for twenty-six years held the high position of an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. Of his parents little is known by his descendants except that they were of Scotch extraction and were residents of West Finley Township at the time of the birth of William Ross Sutherland. They probably did not live into old age as very early in his life, William Ross not only worked for his own support, but also took care of his two brothers, even when his wages for a day of hard labor did not exceed 37½ cents. It was after his marriage that he came on what is now the Sutherland farm, which he rented for a few years, but subsequently bought and thereafter followed farming and stock raising during the rest of his active life. He was frequently called to serve on both petit and grand juries, for two years was constable of the township and for twenty-six years was a school director. In his early years he was a Whig, but after 1857 was a Republican. He married Jane Jordan, who died February 8, 1903. They had three children: Wilson Wiley, who died at the age of thirty-four years, left a widow, Mrs. Mary E. Sutherland, and six children—Nora, who is the wife of Adrian Blayne; Cecil, who died in 1895, at Sistersville, W. Va.; Nettie, who died in August, 1902, at Washington, Pa.; Edgar, who lives in West Finley; Herbert, who also lives in West Finley; and Monnie, who is at home; W. J.; and Ada Victoria, who is now the wife of J. A. Hutchison, of West Finley Township, and has three children—Harry S., Delbert and Ethel Hutchison, all living at home.

W. J. Sutherland attended the winter sessions of school in his district until eighteen years of age, after which he turned his attention to farming and has remained on the home place ever since and occupies the house that was built when he was six years old. On September 1, 1898, he was married to Miss Eva May Hutchison, a daughter of William and Sarah (Gilmore) Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison still lives, but Mrs. Hutchison died in 1890. Mrs. Sutherland first attended the district schools in West Finley Township, then the local Normal School, gaining a teacher's certificate. She engaged in teaching in West Finley and Buffalo Townships for seven years, after which she spent two years in mission work at Chase City, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland are members of the Wheeling congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of the Chartiers Presbytery, which is located in Dogwood Grove. Mr. Sutherland is a trustee of this church and it was of this congregation that his father was so long an elder. He is also a director of the Cemetery Association at Claysville.







CAPT. JOHN C. FRENCH



E. E. FRENCH, M.D.

Mr. Sutherland has always been identified with the Republican party. He not only has been foremost in educational matters in his township, but has served on both petit and traverse juries and also as tax collector and auditor.

REV. S. G. CONNER, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Miller's Run, is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Cecil Township, in which he owns eight acres of well cultivated land, located close to Venice Station. He was born at Midway, Washington County, Pa., December 11, 1855, and is a son of William and Nancy (George) Conner, and is one of the five survivors of their family of six children.

Samuel George Conner, the subject of this sketch, attended the Midway schools and the Hickory and Jefferson Academies, the latter at Canonsburg, going from there to Geneva College, at Beaver Falls, and then completed his theological course at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny. From there he came to Cecil Township in May, 1889, and has since continued in the pastorate of the Miller's Run Church. His congregation is a large one, drawn from a wide surrounding district and many of the family names on the church record have appeared there since the organization of this church, many years ago. Rev. Conner enjoys the affection and respect of his own people and also the high regard of his neighbors of other denominations.

On September 2, 1890, Rev. Conner was married to Miss Anna M. Hill, a daughter of John and Melissa (McClure) Hill, and they have had three children: Dwight H.; Imogene, deceased, and Willard.

HARRY D. HAMILTON, a leading member of the Washington bar, and a member of the Board of Law Examiners of Washington County, was born in 1874, in Washington County, Pa., and is a son of the late Dr. Alexander T. Hamilton.

The Hamilton family was established in Washington County in 1793 by the great-grandfather of our subject and both he and his son, Robert C. Hamilton, spent their lives in agricultural pursuits. Alexander T. Hamilton, son of Robert C., was born in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1837 and for many years was engaged in the practice of medicine.

Harry D. Hamilton was mainly educated at Pittsburg prior to entering Washington and Jefferson College, where he graduated in the Class of 1899. In 1902 he graduated from the Pittsburg Law School and was admitted to the Allegheny County bar and later, in the same year, to the Washington County bar, subsequently being admitted to practice in all the courts of the State. Mr. Hamilton is a Democrat in politics and takes a good citizen's interest in all that concerns civic matters.

In June, 1903, he was married to Miss Mabel Hood, of Washington. They are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

WILLIAM H. ZELLERS, proprietor of the Hotel Charleroi, of Charleroi, Pa., was born in Pittsburg, Pa., a son of Joseph Francis and Sarah Zellers, deceased, and has been a resident of Charleroi since August 16, 1894, and was identified with the Macheth-Evans Glass Company prior to engaging in the hotel business.

William H. Zellers was reared and educated at Pittsburg, and subsequent to leaving school learned his trade with the Fort Pitt Glass Company of Pittsburg, Pa., and later was engaged by the Macheth-Evans Glass Company, in whose employ he remained thirty years, working in Pittsburg and Charleroi.

Mr. Zellers purchased the Hotel Charleroi from William R. Guat November 18, 1904, which was erected by a stock company in 1891. This is one of the largest buildings of the town, modern and up-to-date, being of brick construction, four stories high, containing forty-nine sleeping-rooms, many of them with running water and private baths. Rates are \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day.

Mr. Zellers married Mary A. Walters, and to them have been born the following children: William Henry; Margaret E., wife of Franklin B. Schreyer; Walter A.; Evelyn L.; Mary Irene, wife of Harry J. Mann; Catharine; Virginia and Sadie, living, and Carl Howard and Ruth Lorraine, deceased. Mr. Zellers is a member of the B. P. O. E. and F. O. E.

EDWARD E. FRENCH, M. D., the subject of this sketch, was born September 23, 1865, near the village of Prosperity, Washington County, Pa. In early life he acquired such an education as could be obtained in the public schools of the times, and then attended Washington and Jefferson College. Following his collegiate education he began the study of medicine with E. H. Carey, M. D., of Prosperity, a physician eminent in his profession. After a course of preparation he took a full course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received his degree in 1887. For a short time he was an assistant of Dr. D. M. Anderson, of Finleyville, and Venetia, Pa. In the year 1889 he located at Bentleyville, where he, in company with Dr. Booth, established an extensive practice. In 1903 James W. Ellsworth, the owner and proprietor of the town and collieries of Ellsworth, Pa., requested him to change his location to that place, which he did, and he remains the physician and surgeon for the company to the present time (February, 1910). Dr. French, who is wedded to his profession, and is of untiring energy, found that the growth of the town was so great that one physician

could not in justice to himself handle the work, and for the past three years has been obliged to employ an assistant. At present he has the able services of A. H. D. Gross, M. D., of Pittsburgh.

Dr. French is the eldest of four children born to Capt. J. C. and Sevilla V. French, who now reside at Bentleyville, the others being Mary Leah, wife of A. N. Booth, M. D., of Bentleyville; Charles Clinton, who died at the age of thirteen months, and Rev. J. Calvin French, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Frenchtown, N. J. The family from which Dr. French comes is of that old Scotch-Irish lineage known the country over, as stalwart Presbyterians. From the great-great-grandfather down to the present, each generation has furnished their quota of ministers of the Gospel, as well as a liberal sprinkling in the other high professions. They have also been a family of patriots. The great-grandfather, Alexander French, having been attached to Gen. Washington's staff in the darkest days of the Revolution, and down to the doctor's father, who in early life was engaged in business in a southern State, when secession threatened the overthrow of our national fabric. It was then that J. C. French found his way, as best he could, to the nearest recruiting camp for the Union Army, and enlisted as a private soldier for three years, or during the war. Having no acquaintances of political influence, he only aspired to do his duty, and leave time and faithful service, to bring recognition and reward. By regular steps in line of promotion he rose from private soldier to a first lieutenant. In 1863, while in command of the advance column in a battle at White Sulphur Springs, Va., he received a severe wound near the knee, which distorted the joint and has measurably disabled him for the remainder of life. Having been rescued from the battlefield by comrades, he was kindly sheltered in the home of Mrs. Jonathan Arnold, a sister of the famous Confederate chieftain, "Stonewall" Jackson. When sufficiently recovered he returned to his command and was commissioned adjutant of his regiment. The historian of the regiment took occasion to say of him. "There was no braver officer in the regiment, and Lieut. French deserves special mention for his gallant conduct at the second battle of Bull Run and his splendid leadership in the extreme advance, in the dash where he received his wound." Capt. French has been honored by his fellow citizens by being chosen county treasurer, and twice elected to the Legislature from Washington County.

Dr. French was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Young, of Pittsburgh, February 3, 1891, who is a daughter of the late Nathaniel Young, a veteran of the Civil War. Their home not being blessed with children of their own, they adopted a niece, Miss Ada Young, in

infancy, and have educated her, and she is now a successful teacher in her home school.

Dr. French is fraternally an Odd Fellow, has been secretary of Pigeon Creek Lodge of Bentleyville, Pa., for the past twenty years. Is a Mason and member of the Beallsville Lodge No. 237, F. & A. M., Monongahela Chapter No. 248, Royal Arch Masons, and member of the McKean Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar, Charleroi, Pa. Is a member of the Charleroi Lodge 494, B. P. O. E. He is also a member of the Washington County Medical Society. Is a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. French is health officer for the townships of Somerset and West Bethlehem, also secretary of the Ellsworth Board of Health, in all of which work he takes special interest and is fully alive to all that pertains to the development and building up of the business interests of the community in which he lives.

B. R. McCARTY, one of Mt. Pleasant Township's representative and substantial citizens, resides on his finely improved farm of 110 acres, situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., on which he was born August 22, 1841. He owns also a half interest in a second farm, comprising 147 acres. His parents were John and Jane (Roseberry) McCarty.

John McCarty was born and reared in Mt. Pleasant Township, where his father, Timothy McCarty, had been an early settler. He married Jane Roseberry, who was born September 5, 1810, a daughter of Benjamin Roseberry, of Robinson Township, and to them the following children were born: Martha, who married Russell Thompson and had five children; Timothy, a graduate of a Philadelphia medical college, who married Tillie George and at death left a widow and one child, Cora A.; B. R., of Mt. Pleasant Township; James H., now deceased, who was a physician in Harrison County, Ohio; John S., who resides at Midway, Pa.; Richard C., who was accidentally drowned July 4, 1851; and Elizabeth M. and Thomas D. John McCarty was an excellent business man and he engaged in farming and stockraising all through his active life. He was a staunch Democrat. From youth he had been identified with the Raccoon Presbyterian Church, in which he was an elder for a long period. His death occurred January 19, 1886, and that of his wife, April 11, 1874, and their burial was in the Raccoon Cemetery.

B. R. McCarty obtained his education in the public schools of Mt. Pleasant Township, many advances in method having been made since his father had sought knowledge in the little log structures with greased paper for windows, in his boyhood. There was plenty to do on the home farm and Mr. McCarty took a large share on his shoulders and after coming into possession, erected

all the present substantial buildings. An air of thrift and good management pervades the place and makes it an ideal summer home. Mr. McCarty takes advantage of ample means and usually spends his winters in some neighboring town or city. In addition to general farming he has a large dairy industry, keeping fine grade stock for the same and shipping 25 gallons of milk daily to the Pittsburgh market.

On November 25, 1864, Mr. McCarty was married to Miss Elizabeth Akins, a daughter of William Akins, and they have two surviving children, Edward R., who married Phillipine Bess; and Joseph A., who married Merril Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty attend the United Presbyterian Church. He has been a life-long Democrat.

JOHN RUSSELL WILSON, who is employed as civil engineer of the National Pike for the State Highway Department of Pennsylvania, has charge of the work on National Pike through the state, and all the work on state roads in Washington and Greene Counties. He was born in 1877, on South Main Street, Washington, Pa., and is a son of Dr. T. D. M. Wilson, one of the leading physicians of this city.

Mr. Wilson was reared in Washington and attended the common schools of the city. In 1896 he graduated at Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, then entered Washington and Jefferson College, taking a special course in engineering. On leaving college he engaged in engineering work for the Pressed Steel Car Company which position he held until November, 1903, when he was appointed Civil Engineer of county road work for Washington County where he continued until February, 1906, when he resigned to accept the position as engineer of the State Highway Department. Mr. Wilson is one of the leading young business men of Washington and is a member of the Engineers' Club of Central Pennsylvania. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington.

In September, 1906, Mr. Wilson was married to Joanna Grace Clutter, daughter of John P. Clutter, who belongs to one of the pioneer families of the County, and to them have been born two children, Alice Elizabeth and John Russell, Jr. In politics Mr. Wilson is an active Republican.

THOMAS LEWIS, a successful oil operator, who resides on his valuable little farm of six acres, situated one mile south of McDonald, Pa., in Cecil Township, was born in England, Apr. 9, 1863. His parents were Thomas and Rachel (Leader) Lewis, who spent their lives there. The father, however, came to the United States in early life, and was for a time located in Minnesota, where he owned a farm. He later sold a farm and

returned to England, where he died when our subject was about 13 years old.

Mr. Lewis attended school in England, in his boyhood, and then came to America, where he was married in 1884, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Powell, a daughter of Reese and Elizabeth (Thomas) Powell. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis resided for one year in South Wales and then came to America, Mr. Lewis finding employment at McDonald, Pa., where they lived continuously for 24 years. For a large part of this time Mr. Lewis has been connected with the oil industry. In 1890 he purchased his present farm, on which there are two producing wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have seven children: Lillian, Sarah R., John T., Pearl R., William E., Elizabeth G., and Genevieve M. They attend the United Presbyterian Church, as there is not now in McDonald a Free Methodist Church, to which denomination Mr. Lewis belongs. Mr. Lewis casts his vote with the Republican party. He is a well known and respected citizen.

DANIEL BLACK (SCHWARTZ), who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, came to America prior to the Revolutionary War, settling in Cumberland County, Pa. In 1800 he located at Chambersburg and died there in advanced age. He was married in Germany and had two sons, Daniel and George. Daniel, who retained the old family name of Schwartz, settled in Knox County, Ill., where his descendants are yet to be found, and died when over eighty years of age.

George Black, the second son of the founder of the family and the progenitor of the Washington County Blacks, was born in Cumberland County, Pa., and was reared on the home farm and also learned milling. He carried on both industries and it is said he hauled many a load of flour all the way to Baltimore and to Philadelphia. In 1820 he went to Chambersburg, Adams County, Pa., where he learned the tobacco and cigar trade and in the same year came to Washington and embarked in a tobacco and cigar business in which he continued until his retirement in 1852. He was the originator of the "Stogie" cigar, so called from the old Conestoga wagons which were of Pennsylvania build and were in almost universal use at that time in carrying freight over the old National Turnpike Road. In 1856-7 Mr. Black erected the house on the corner of Wheeling street and Lincoln avenue, in which he resided until his death, January 30, 1862. For a period of some forty years he was a director in the Franklin Bank, now the First National Bank of Washington.

In 1822, Mr. Black was married to Julia Schaffer, a daughter of Jacob Schaffer, who was one of the early

jewelers and watch and clock makers at Washington, and died there in 1852, aged ninety-six years and four months. Mr. and Mrs. Black were the parents of eight children, as follows: Jacob, who died in California, in 1890; Martha, who married A. J. Montgomery; George W., who married M. Belle Crall; Mary, who married Elbridge G. Craeraft; and four who died in childhood. The mother of this family died July 19, 1865.

Of the above family, Martha Black married Andrew Jackson Montgomery, who died December 19, 1902. He was a son of Hon. William and Matilda (Duvall) Montgomery, the former of whom was one of Washington County's distinguished citizens. William Montgomery was graduated from Washington College, in 1839, after which he began the study of law under John L. Gow, and was admitted to the bar in 1841. His rise was rapid and brilliant, and in 1845 he was appointed district attorney by Governor Shunk. In 1848 he received the Democratic nomination for State senator, and in 1854 was nominated for Congress and during that campaign made some of the most powerful speeches of his life. In 1856 he was elected to Congress and two years later was re-elected. He was known as one of the party leaders and was the author of the "Crittenden-Montgomery Resolution" concerning the admission of Kansas to statehood. He was an eloquent orator and an eminent lawyer. He left three children: Andrew Jackson, James and William. Two children were born to Andrew Jackson and Martha (Black) Montgomery: Elizabeth, who is the wife of O. A. Beverstock, who resides at Orange, N. J.; and George, who resides with his mother, at Washington, Pa.

J. K. SMITH, M. D., one of the successful and leading physicians of Charleroi, Pa., who, in point of service, is the oldest practitioner in this city, has been a resident here since 1890, when the town was first laid out. He was born July 26, 1868, near Claysville, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of George and Margaret (Knox) Smith, prominent farming people of Claysville, Pa.

Dr. Smith was reared in Claysville, where he attended the local schools after which he taught in Buffalo, Morris and Franklin townships for six years. After spending one year at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, from which he graduated in 1888. He first embarked in the practice of medicine at Anderson, Pa., remaining there two years. In 1890 he came to Charleroi, the town having been just platted, and here he has met with well merited success, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, his practice having grown in volume, with the ever increasing popula-

tion of the village. He was a member of the first school board of Charleroi, and is a member of the county and State medical societies. He is the present surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of the Commandery.

On March 4, 1891, Dr. Smith was united in marriage with Ora Ackinson, of West Middletown, Pa., and they have one son, George, a student at the Washington and Jefferson College. Dr. Smith has his office and his residence at the corner of Fifth street and Washington avenue.

CHARLES N. BRADY, president of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, is one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Washington. He was born in Wheeling, W. Va., and was there reared and educated. Since leaving school he has been engaged in the manufacture of glass, having come to Washington about twenty-two years ago, when he organized the Hazel Glass Company, and some years later, the Atlas Glass Company. Subsequently the two companies were consolidated under the present style of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company. This immense concern now consists of five large plants, three of which are located in Washington, Pa., namely, Hazel Factory No. 1, Hazel Factory No. 2 and the Atlas Factory. The other two are located respectively at Wheeling, W. Va., and at Clarksburg, W. Va. The product consists of packing goods, fruit jars and various other glass specialties, and the combined plants give employment to an army of some 2,000 persons.

Mr. Brady is a thoroughly practical man in his line of industry. Years ago, before his advent in Washington, and while he was connected with the Riverside Glass Works in Wellsburg, W. Va., he initiated the exclusive use of natural gas in the manufacture of glassware, and he has ever since been on the alert to grasp and utilize new ideas in the art of glass manufacture. He has thus won his present high position in this industry by continued mental application to everything connected therewith, and has had the satisfaction of seeing the concerns with which he has been an official maintain a high degree of prosperity. Everything about the several plants of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, both in Washington and elsewhere, is of the most modern and practical type, old machinery being promptly relegated to the junk heap with each new discovery or improvement in the methods of manufacture. Thus, as one of the leaders in the great industrial era in which we are now living, Mr. Brady has made his mark, and he can afford to feel some inward satisfaction in the fact that his individual exertions have helped forward the car of progress, assisted in providing a livelihood to some thou-



CHARLES N. BRADY





sands of his fellow creatures, and contributed in no unimportant degree to the general prosperity of our common country. Mr. Brady is also a stockholder in the Highland Glass Company of Washington; a director in the Washington Trust Company; a director in the Citizens' National Bank, and a trustee in Washington and Jefferson College.

Mr. Brady was married April 21, 1881, to Mary E. Paxton, of Wellsburg, W. Va., a daughter of Elisha W. Paxton, and they have three children: Flora P., wife of Sydney B. Donnan; R. Meldrum Brady and Mary Louise Brady.

JOSEPH G. ULERY, a highly respected citizen and retired farmer, whose estate of 500 acres of fine land, all in one piece, is situated two miles southwest of Scenery Hill, Pa., was born on this farm, in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, January 30, 1831, a son of David and Lucinda (Guthrie) Ulerly.

David Ulerly was born in West Bethlehem Township after his father, Stephen Ulerly, had come from east of the Alleghany Mountains and settled in this section. Stephen Ulerly built the old Ulerly mills. He died in advanced years at Ten-Mile. David Ulerly succeeded to his father's possessions and lived on the farm now owned by his son, Joseph G., having 700 acres, which he devoted mainly to cattle and sheep raising. He was a responsible man and leading citizen of his township through life, gave support to the church and upheld the laws. He did not improve his land to any large extent beyond clearing it, being satisfied with a small, but comfortable, house and simple surroundings. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1879, when he was seventy-five years of age. He was twice married, first to Lucinda Guthrie, a daughter of Robert Guthrie. She died leaving two sons, Joseph G. and Eli, and her burial was at Pigeon Creek Baptist Church, she having been a consistent member of that religious body. David Ulerly married Sarah Drake for his second wife, and they had nine children: James, Elizabeth, Henrietta, Sarah, Arabella, Isabella, Jacob, Rufus and Simon.

Joseph G. Ulerly gained his first knowledge of books in the old log schoolhouse near his home and later attended Carmichael's College. After returning home he went into the stock business and followed stock buying through the county for three years. After his first marriage he settled down on the present farm and has continued here ever since. Mr. Ulerly has been one of the largest and most successful stock and sheep raisers in this section of the county. Formerly he kept 800 head of sheep, but has reduced them to 400 head. He has thirty-five acres of land yet wooded and has put up all the farm buildings now standing, including residence, one tenant house, two sheep barns and all the other structures necessary for

extensive agricultural operations. Mr. Ulerly is a charter stockholder in the Scenery Hill Bank.

On October 9, 1865, Mr. Ulerly was married to Sarah Detrick, a daughter of Abraham and Eliza Detrick. She died leaving no issue, and he married, secondly, Sarah Bigler, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Iams) Bigler. Jacob Bigler was born and educated in West Bethlehem Township. His wife, who was a daughter of William and Delilah Iams, died December 1, 1889, and was buried at the North Ten-Mile Baptist Church. They had the following children: Sarah, who is the wife of Joseph G. Ulerly; Lizzie, who is the wife of B. Richardson, of Bentleyville; Hannah, who married Homer Lewis, of Harmony, Beaver County, Pa.; Abraham, who married Mattie Crispin; Emma, who married John Rose, of Greene County, Pa.; Ella, who is deceased; and Nannie, wife of W. J. Crawford, residing at Bentleyville, Pa. Jacob Bigler was a farmer through all his active life and now lives retired near Martin's Mill. He is a Republican in his political views, but has never consented to hold any public office. His father was Israel Bigler, who also was born in West Bethlehem Township, this being one of the old pioneer families.

Mr. Ulerly has always voted with the Democratic party. He has led too busy a life to desire to add to his cares by ever accepting public office. He is a member of the North Ten-Mile Baptist Church.

WILLIAM HAZLETT, a well known citizen and successful farmer and wool grower, residing on his valuable farm of 117 acres, situated in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pa., belongs to an old family of this section and was born in this township, September 1, 1855. His parents were William and Margaret Catherine (Dickerson) Hazlett, and his grandfather was Samuel Hazlett, who was one of the early settlers.

William Hazlett was born March 6, 1819, spent a long and respected life in this section and died in honored old age, February 4, 1900. In his political views he was a Republican. His sterling character made him a man of value to his community and he frequently served usefully in township offices. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married (first) to Margaret Catherine Dickerson, who was a daughter of the Hon. Joshua Dickerson, who was in the State Legislature from 1810 to 1817, with the exception of the year 1815. He was also familiarly known as Gen. Dickerson. His father was Henry Dickerson, who settled in this neighborhood prior to the year 1773. Mrs. William Hazlett died April 21, 1863, and is survived by the following children: Rebecca, who married Louis Hamilton, of Barborton, Ohio; Addison, who lives in Amwell Township; Matilda, who married William McClenathan, of Amwell Township; William, of South Franklin Township; and Samuel L.,

of Amwell Township. William Hazlett was married (second) to Comfort A. West, of Harrison County, Ohio, who survived him for a short time.

William Hazlett, bearing his father's name, has spent his life in South Franklin Township, going to school in boyhood with many of his neighbors who have been friends since those early days and with whom he has often combined to advance the general welfare of this section. He has always been particularly interested in the public schools and for many years has been a school director in the independent district in which he lives, and is now president of the school board of this district. He has given much time and careful thought to school matters and has the satisfaction of knowing that no part of the county has more intelligent or better trained pupils than has this independent district. Mr. Hazlett has served in other township offices, having formerly been treasurer of the school board and also has served as road supervisor. In his political views he is a Republican.

On September 12, 1882, Mr. Hazlett was married to Miss Anna B. Luellen, who was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of Jonathan Luellen, who was once a well-known resident of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett have had six children, namely: Harry J., Arthur H., Esten L., Charles A., Helen M. and Elizabeth, all of whom survive except the eldest. Mr. Hazlett and family are members of Bethel Presbyterian Church at Van Buren.

S. H. BELL, a well known business man of Midway, Pa., who owns a first-class barber shop and the building in which it is located, has been a resident of this borough since 1875. He was born in Armstrong County, Pa., and is a son of G. W. Bell and Elizabeth (Starr) Bell, and a grandson of Benjamin Bell and of Jacob Starr.

The parents of Mr. Bell are both deceased and their burial took place in Armstrong County. They reared a large family, as follows: Anna, who married John Murphy; William, who never married; Benjamin, who married Priscilla Wise; Jacob, who married Anna Rumeal; James, who married Maggie Banks; Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of William Brannan; Mary, who married Daniel Breck; Sarah and Esther, twins, the former of whom is the wife of Joseph Whiten, Esther being deceased; G. W. Bell, Jr.; John, married a Miss Longstreet, deceased; Margaret, who is the wife of J. Coonsharar, and Priscilla, wife of James Church. The father of Mr. Bell was a carpenter by trade and he was a veteran of the Civil War. His sons William, Benjamin, Jacob and James also served in the Civil War, William enlisting twice.

S. H. Bell is a self-made man and has been self-supporting since his boyhood. After attending school for a short period, he went to boating on the Allegheny River.

Later he engaged in coal mining and after being thus occupied for a time, learned the barber's trade. In 1875 he established himself in business at Midway, where he subsequently conducted a general store and also a livery stable.

In 1870 Mr. Bell married Miss Eleanor Stitt, who is a daughter of Elias and Mahala (Ring) Stitt, of Columbiana County, Ohio. The Stitt family numbered the following children—Alexander, William, Elias, Thomas, George, Eleanor, Margaret, Laura, Jane, Elizabeth, Emma and Joseph (deceased). Margaret married James Cordingley. Laura married James Brown. Jane became the wife of John Green. Elizabeth became the wife of E. P. Smith, and Emma that of Stewart Baker.

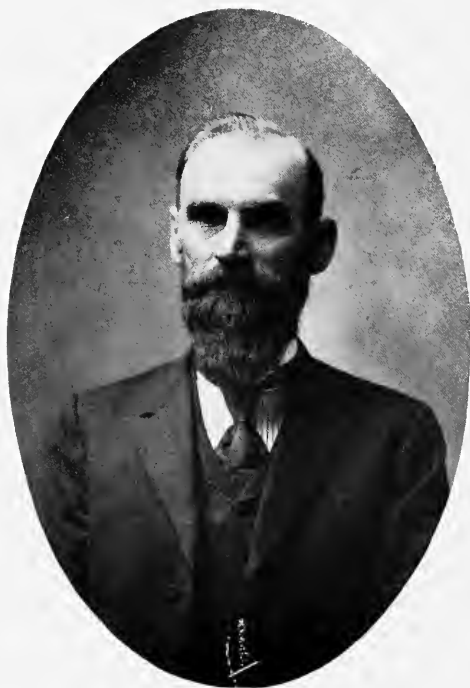
Mr. and Mrs. Bell have had children as follows: William T.; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Joseph Chambon; Anna, who is the wife of Harry Chalfant; Samuel, who married Lena Lesley; Carrie, who is the wife of Harry Bradman; and Mary, who died in her seventeenth year. In politics Mr. Bell is a Republican, as was also his father. He is identified with Midway Valley Lodge, No. 888, I. O. O. F., and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DAVID BARNES, general merchant at Barnes Crossing, Washington County, Pa., and a leading citizen of Jefferson Township, was born in Brooke County, W. Va., April 6, 1858, and is a son of Firman and Temperance (Steel) Barnes. Both parents died in West Virginia, the father in 1885, and the mother in 1895.

David Barnes completed his school attendance in his native place and then learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked there for two years, residing at Colliers. From that place he came to his present location near Avella on February 4, 1886, and has resided in Jefferson Township ever since. He built several houses in Jefferson Township, showing good workmanship and then purchased farming land in Jefferson and Independence Townships, fifty-three acres of which he still owns. A part of his land he laid off in lots which are known as the Barnes plan of lots. He purchased his place of business from John Sutherland, in 1886, and deals in general merchandise, feed and flour and mining implements. For three years he was postmaster at what was known as Bushfield, but the introduction of the rural mail route resulted in the abolition of that office. In politics he is a Democrat. For three years he served as school director, but at present holds no public office, giving all of his attention to his business.

On June 28, 1883, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Emma Virginia Sutherland, a daughter of John and Eleanor Sutherland, and they have two children—David Alvin, who is attending a theological college at Adrian, Mich.; and Willard Austin, who is now employed in





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Wheeling as a bookkeeper and is enrolled with the Lincoln-Jefferson University, of Hammond, Ind., in the business, commerce and finance department. Mr. Barnes and family are members of the M. P. Church of Bethel, of which he is one of the trustees.

JOHN J. WELLS, whose well improved farm of 140 acres is situated in Jefferson Township and is devoted to general agriculture, was born in Independence Township, Washington County, Pa., August 26, 1848, and is a son of Cyrus and Jane (Rea) Wells.

Cyrus Wells was a respected citizen and successful farmer of Washington County and for many years served in various township offices in Independence Township. He died in 1883, having survived his wife for many years. They were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church and their burial was in Cross Creek Cemetery.

John J. Wells was educated in the schools of Independence Township and at an academy at Cadiz, Ohio. He then returned to the home farm and has resided in Washington County ever since, with the exception of two years he spent on a California ranch, and two years following his marriage, when he resided near Mingo, Ohio. In 1879 he came to his present farm which is very valuable property. He has never tested for oil or gas, but has sold a top vein of coal to great advantage. He has one of the best improved properties in the township, having crected all the substantial farm buildings and but recently completed a thoroughly modern, up-to-date residence, in which have been installed water-pipes and heating apparatus of improved kind, with other comforts.

In February, 1877, Mr. Wells was married to Miss Clara A. Ampoker, a daughter of John Ampoker, and they have five children, to all of whom excellent educational advantages have been given. Mary Alice, the eldest daughter, is an accomplished stenographer and is in the employ of the Pittsburg Paint Supply Company, at Pittsburg. Cyrus C. married Fanny Grigsby. John A. married Miss Eddie Coggins, and has a home circle of his own. Clifford and Clara Belle both reside at home. Mr. Wells and family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Independence, in which he has been an elder for twenty years. In his political views he is a Democrat and he has served in the offices of school director and supervisor. He is one of the representative citizens of Jefferson Township.

GEORGE H. MILLER, M. D., physician and surgeon at McDonald, Pa., has been a resident of this place for almost twenty-five years and has taken part in the development of the borough, serving as one of the members of its first Council and first school board. Dr. Miller was

born near Claysville, Pa., April 23, 1846, and is a son of Christopher and Sarah J. Miller.

The parents of Dr. Miller were also natives of Pennsylvania and they were married in 1840. They became the parents of six sons and three daughters, the former bearing the following names: Leamon, Calvin, George H., Charles W., William and John, and of these, Leamon, William and John are deceased. The daughters are: Mary Jane; Margaret, who is the wife of John Holmes; and Frances E., who is the widow of Bruce Ramage.

Dr. Miller attended the district schools of Donegal Township, the Southwestern State Normal School at California and the Monod school at Millsboro, after which he taught school for some five years in different sections of Washington County. In 1867 he began the study of medicine with Dr. John Kelly, now of Washington, Pa., and in the fall of 1870, he attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He then opened a drug business at Burgettstown which he conducted until the fall of 1872, in the meanwhile continuing his medical studies, and then entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in March, 1873. After a medical practice of eighteen months, at Claysville, he moved to Midway and four years later to Imperial, in Allegheny County. He remained there for eight years, after which he came to McDonald and at first conducted a drug store, which he later discontinued.

Dr. Miller was married May 30, 1872, to Miss Frances E. Woodburn, a daughter of John and Margaret Woodburn, of Burgettstown. Mrs. Miller has three surviving sisters. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Miller are: Anna M., William M., George F. and John Stanley. Dr. Miller and wife attend the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

NATHANIEL E. HARRIS, the genial proprietor of "The Ironclad," the leading hotel of Donora, was born June 8, 1862, at Rochester, N. Y.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris, removed with their son to Corry, Pa., when he was three years of age, and he was reared in that town, attending the public schools there, and afterward going to college in Meadville, Pa.

When he reached the age of twenty, not desiring to succeed his father who was ready to retire from active business, "Nat" left Corry and became connected with the firm of S. Sternberger & Co., of Philadelphia, a position which he held for twenty-two years, traveling from Chicago to the coast in their interests, making his headquarters in Chicago for about fifteen years.

In 1902 Mr. Harris came to Donora and in partnership with C. L. Egbert, of Bradford, purchased from C. F.

Cardon, "The Irondale," the first licensed hotel in the town. This house has always upheld its reputation for being strictly first class in every particular, and is the only \$2.00 and \$2.50 hostelry in the borough. In 1906 Mr. Harris bought out the interests of his partner, and since that time has conducted "The Irondale" alone, always careful to preserve the high standard of the place.

In the year 1896 Mr. Harris was married in Bradford, Pa., to Janet, daughter of Col. and Mrs. A. H. Simons, of that city, the Colonel being a well known oil producer. From this union have been born three sons: Howard, Laurence and Nathaniel E., Jr. Mrs. Harris is prominently identified with club, juvenile court and philanthropic work throughout the country.

In politics, Mr. Harris belongs to the Republican party, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of the Garden City Blue Lodge, Consistory and Shrine, all of Chicago.

C. E. HILL, cashier of the First National Bank at Scenery Hill, Pa., belongs to one of the old families of West Bethlehem Township. He was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., Dec. 10, 1869, and is a son of Uriah W. and Elizabeth (Wherry) Hill, and a grandson of Robert Hill and John W. Wherry, formerly substantial farmers of West Bethlehem Township.

The parents of Mr. Hill were also natives of West Bethlehem Township and the father spent his whole life on the farm on which he was born. Uriah W. Hill died March 28, 1885. The mother died September 18, 1886, at the age of thirty-eight years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had three children: C. E., subject of this sketch; Mary E., who married H. L. Horn, and resides in West Bethlehem Township; and John R., who married Myrtle E. Sargent, and resides at Beallsville, Pa.

C. E. Hill learned his first lessons in the Fairview schoolhouse located not far from his home. When older he engaged in farming on the homestead and remained there until he was twenty-five years of age. After marriage he came to Scenery Hill and became identified with the First National Bank, serving as assistant cashier from June 4, 1904, until July, 1907, when he became cashier. This is one of the old and reliable financial institutions of the county and its affairs are carefully and conservatively managed.

Mr. Hill was first married November 11, 1897, to Miss Birdie E. Hosack, who died July 8, 1900, and was buried at Scenery Hill. She was a daughter of A. M. Hosack. One daughter survived her, Frances E. Mr. Hill was married (second) October 18, 1906, to Miss Maude S. Wilson, a daughter of Robert Wilson, of Lone Pine. They have one son, Howard Wilson, born June 29, 1909. Mr.

and Mrs. Hill are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Like his father, Mr. Hill is identified with the Republican party, but has never accepted any office except that of road supervisor, in which he served several years. He belongs to the local Grange and formerly was connected with the Odd Fellows.

JOHN H. MOFFITT, who was appointed comptroller of Washington County, Pa., August 25, 1909, has been a resident of Charleroi since 1891. He was born June 5, 1870, on his father's farm in West Pike Run Township, and is a son of J. T. and Mary E. (Hornell) Moffitt. His father was a farmer by occupation and his death occurred at California, Pa., in 1901. He is survived by his widow who is a resident of Charleroi.

John H. Moffitt obtained his elementary education in the district schools of West Pike Run Township, supplementing this by a course at the Southwestern State Normal, of California, Pa., and the Ohio Normal, at Ada, Ohio, where he took a commercial course. After completing his education, Mr. Moffitt returned to the farm for some time, then came to Charleroi, where he clerked in a grocery store for one year. He then conducted a meat market at California, Pa., for some years, returning to Charleroi in 1897 and conducting a meat market here for eight years. He then disposed of the market and has since been dealing extensively in stocks, bonds and real estate. On August 25, 1909, he was appointed comptroller of Washington County, his office being in the court house at Washington, Pa. Mr. Moffitt is a director in the Charleroi Savings & Trust Company. He is affiliated with the Masonic order of Charleroi, and is politically identified with the Republican party. He was united in marriage with Stella F. Odert, a daughter of Albert Odert.

HON. J. VERNER CLARK was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., July 26, 1856, the oldest son of Robert Cook and Matilda (McCall) Clark, their other children being John McCall, Laura A., and William Howard.

Thomas Clark, the grandfather of Robert Cook Clark, was one of the early settlers of Washington County, coming from Carlisle in 1789 and locating in what is now Robinson Township. Mrs. Matilda McCall Clark's grandfather, Thomas McCall, came from Ireland when but a boy, and lived in Philadelphia until shortly after the Revolutionary War, when he removed to Washington County and took up about 400 acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Township. About 1854 Robert Cook Clark purchased a farm near Hickory, where he continued to reside until 1864, when he removed with his family to West Middletown, living there until his death.

J. Verner Clark received his education in the common

schools of West Middletown and at Pleasant Hill Seminary, and, later, at Washington and Jefferson College. Leaving college in 1875, he followed the occupation of farming in West Middletown until 1883, at which time he engaged in business, conducting stores first in Washington and afterward at West Middletown. He continued in business until 1894, when he was elected sheriff of Washington County on the Republican ticket. At the expiration of his term as sheriff he was elected a member of the Legislature for the session of 1899, and was re-elected for the session of 1901. Since this time Mr. Clark has served as superintendent of the Citizens' Water Company of Washington. Religiously, he is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, of Washington.

December 8, 1887, Mr. Clark was joined in marriage with Miss Mary E. Taggart, a daughter of Rev. Samuel and Margaret (McAyeal) Taggart, both of whom were of Irish parentage. John Taggart, grandfather of Mrs. Clark, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, where he was married to Mary B. Connahan, by whom he had three sons, James, John, and Samuel. Of these sons, James was the first to leave his native land and located at Montreal, Canada, where he engaged in the shoe business. He was followed by his widowed mother and the remainder of the family in 1820. They remained a short time in Montreal, then Mrs. Taggart and the two younger sons located at Pittsburg, where John engaged in the shoe manufacturing business with great success. John Taggart, Jr., was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Orr, of Pittsburg, and had the following children: John, Robert, Samuel, William, Mary A., Tillie and Lissie. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Associate Reformed Church.

Rev. Samuel Taggart, deceased, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, March 26, 1803, and his youth was spent in that country, in Montreal, Canada, and in Pittsburg. He attended the common schools, and then entered Western University of Pennsylvania. He later attended the Theological Seminary of Allegheny, from which institution he was graduated in 1834. His first charge was at West Middletown and Vernon, where he preached a period of fifteen years, then went west to Harmony, Illinois, where he was pastor of a charge for eighteen months. At the end of that time he returned to West Middletown, Washington County, Pa., where he was pastor of the church until 1884, at which time he retired from active ministerial duties. He died in West Middletown, October 21, 1885. A thorough Christian and of the most active type, he left an imprint on the affairs of that community, which time has not effaced. He was originally a Free Soiler, and became a Republican upon the organization of that party.

Rev. Samuel Taggart was married July 18, 1839, to Margaret McAyeal, a daughter of Robert McAyeal. Her

father was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1784, and when a young man immigrated to Pittsburg, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile business. He married Rebecca Matthews, who was born in Ireland and was six years old when brought by her parents to Wilmington, Del. To them were born the following: Margaret, Sarah, James, Robert, Rebecca (wife of Alexander McKeever), Nancy, (wife of Rev. Reed), and Mary (wife of Dr. McComey). Mr. McAyeal was a Democrat, and later a Republican in politics. He was a member of the Covenant Church. He passed from this life in 1865, aged eighty-one years, and his widow died May 1, 1889, in her ninety-sixth year. Samuel and Margaret Taggart had three children, as follows: Robert, Samuel A. and Mary E., wife of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one daughter, Margaret, who resides with them at their home at No. 48 North avenue, East Washington.

JOHN WILMER GRUBBS, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, who served as the first burgess of South Canonsburg and for six years was a member of the borough council, has resided in the vicinity of Canonsburg since 1874 and has occupied his present comfortable home since May 1, 1892. He was born at Allegheny, Pa., March 27, 1847, and is a son of John William and Margaret (Leech) Grubbs, and a grandson of Jacob and Nancy (Weise) Grubbs.

The Grubbs and the Weise families both came to America from Holland and the great-grandfathers were Revolutionary soldiers. Jacob Grubbs, the grandfather, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and after his return he engaged in freighting between Philadelphia and Kentucky and to Fort Sandusky. He was accustomed to the roughest kind of employment and lived in a day when the drinking of spirits was very general, but he never touched a drop of liquor in his life. He was a man of great physical strength and lived to be ninety-five years of age, dying in 1879. Upon his return from the War of 1812 he settled on Squirrel Hill, near Pittsburg and as he passed through what is now Canonsburg, in 1813, while in Allegheny, enroute, he was offered forty acres of land for a mare he owned. This offer he refused and went on to Butler County for a time but later returned to Allegheny City. There were three sons and one daughter born to Jacob and Nancy Grubbs, namely: John William; Sarah, who married Reuben Powell, died in Butler County, leaving two sons—John and Reuben Powell; Joseph, who was a farmer and carpenter, died in Butler County and his family resides at Sharpsburg; and Hiram, who moved to Chicago to make his home with a daughter.

John William Grubbs, father of John Wilmer, was born in Butler County, Pa. He was a silversmith by trade

and at the time of his death, September 26, 1847, was living in Allegheny City, being at that time only twenty-six years old. He married Margaret Leech, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., and was a daughter of Wilmer and Mary (Hull) Leech. Great-grandmother Leech came to Philadelphia to live with her two maiden aunts, who later died there of cholera and she was reared by a family named Wilmer and in that manner the name was introduced into the Grubbs family, although no forefather bore it. After the death of her husband, the widow of John Grubbs worked as a tailorless and thus took care of her infant son. After a widowhood of six years she married Samuel Lane and four children were born to this union; the one survivor being Samuel Lane, who lives at Murry Hill. Two children died in infancy and one at the age of nineteen years. The mother died December 16, 1893.

John Wilmer Grubbs remained with his mother through childhood and early youth and attended school, the old Third Ward, at Allegheny City, under Prof. L. H. Eaton, until he was about fifteen years old, when he entered the Reynolds bit factory and endeavored to learn that business but after trying it for about nine months he gave up and went to work for the Kendalls, German gardeners, earning one dollar a week, with board. His duties sometimes included picking berries almost all day and night, when the season was on, and later he sold berries and vegetables. He visited his home on Saturday nights, this being his only free time. He remained there until he was seventeen years old and when he left he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. H, 193rd Pa. Vol. Inf., for 100 days and was sent to Havre de Grace. He was discharged November 9, 1864, and on February 8, 1865, he re-enlisted in Co. F, 87th Pa. Vol. Inf., to serve one year or during the continuance of the war, but received his honorable discharge on June 27, 1865, at Philadelphia. Almost at the close of his service, Mr. Grubbs was so seriously wounded that he was sent to the Mower General Hospital, Philadelphia, this accident happening on April 2, 1865. A rifle ball entered his left breast, between the sixth and seventh ribs, just escaping the heart, this wound being received while his regiment was charging the city of Petersburg, he at the time trying to aid a comrade. After his injury he was taken to the city hospital at Washington, D. C., and was without food from Saturday until the following Tuesday. He occupied bed No. 28, in the Lincoln Hospital and was there visited by the revered and sympathetic President himself, whose tender heart was always touched by the sufferings of his soldiers.

Mr. Grubbs returned to Allegheny County as soon as able and later learned the painter's trade at which he

worked for a number of years. Since coming to Canonsburg he has identified himself vitally with the town and his merits as a citizen have been recognized. During his many years of public service he proved himself honest and efficient. While a Republican in his own political views, during his official life he let no political influence sway him from what he deemed best for the general welfare.

Mr. Grubbs was married November 8, 1868, to Miss Lucinda Smeigh. Her father was Michael Smeigh, and she was born at Pittsburg but was living in Allegheny at the time of her marriage. Her people came to America from Baden, Germany. They had the following children born to them: John Wilmer, Margaret, Lucy E., Albert L., Robert S., Frank L., George S., Samuel L., Harry T., Jessie L., and Walter A., eleven in all. John Wilmer, bearing his father's name, was born March 30, 1873, and resides at Wellsville, Ohio, where he has a family of his own. He was a member of Co. B, 15th Pa. Vol. Inf., a corporal under Capt. Bigger, in the Spanish-American War. Margaret, the eldest daughter, was born December 27, 1869, and resides at home. Lucy E., the second daughter, was born August 2, 1871, and resides at home. Albert L. Grubbs was born February 17, 1876, and he, like his older brother, was a member of Co. B, 15th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served in the Spanish-American War. He resides at New Brighton, Pa. Robert S. Grubbs was born September 20, 1877, and died of cholera, August 10, 1902, in the Philippine Islands, and is buried at Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte. He was a volunteer in the 18th Pa. Inf., and served three years in the U. S. Army and at the time of death was sergeant of Co. K, 20th Inf. He was a brave and daring young man. He served as a scout and later was detailed to the commissary department but resigned that service. Frank L. Grubbs, was born May 4, 1879, and resides at Canonsburg with wife and two children. George S. Grubbs was born March 21, 1881, and resides with his wife and one daughter, at Portland, Ore. Samuel L. Grubbs was born December 31, 1886, and resides with wife and one child, at Memphis, Tenn. Harry T. Grubbs was born December 31, 1886, and resides at Cleveland, Ohio, with wife and one son. Jessie L. was born January 27, 1890, and Walter A. April 11, 1892, and both reside with their parents.

Mr. Grubbs has been very closely connected with Grand Army matters and is a member and adjutant of Sergeant Thomas Paxton Post, No. 126, of which he was commander for six years.

JOSEPH REED, one of Cecil Township's best known citizens, living retired on his valuable farm of 206 acres, situated in Washington County, Pa., was born on this





JOSEPH REED (1)



JOSEPH REED (2)



JOSEPH REED (3)



farm April 30, 1843. His parents were Joseph and Martha (Anderson) Reed.

The Reed family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The great-grandfather of the present bearer of the name of Joseph Reed, was David Reed, who was born on the ocean, about 1700, during the voyage of his parents to America. This family located in Lancaster County, Pa., and when David Reed reached manhood he married a daughter of Capt. Caldwell, who commanded a company of soldiers in the Revolutionary War that was known as "the Blue Hen's Chickens," a Delaware contingent. They had children as follows: Molly, Nancy, Jane, Rebecca, Lydia, John and David. Later, accepting an invitation from Capt. Croghan to inspect land in Washington County, with a view of settlement, David, the grandfather of our subject, and John Reed visited what is now Mt. Pleasant Township and early in 1777 acquired land here. In the fall of the year, David Reed returned to Lancaster County and married Margaret May and in the following spring they came to their wilderness home in what was then called the Washington land. On September 20, 1784, they had Gen. Washington as a guest, then truly regarded as an honor, but their pride was considerably lessened when it was subsequently discovered that their distinguished visitor not only owned all the Washington land by patent, but insisted on pressing his claims. Long arguments and some legal procedure followed, all of which may be found detailed in the county annals, the result being that Mr. Reed and other innocent settlers were obliged to give up their homesteads without compensation for improvements. Both John and David Reed purchased land in Cecil Township, the latter acquiring 300 acres, and he moved to this land and lived upon it until he died, September 30, 1824. His widow survived until November 19, 1840. They had five sons and one daughter: Alexander, David, Mary (Murray), John, James and Joseph.

Joseph Reed, son of David and Margaret (May) Reed, was born April 30, 1796, and always lived on his father's homestead in Cecil Township, where he died in 1885, his long life having been one of usefulness, kindness and benevolence. He was married (first) in 1821 to Elizabeth Alexander, who died without issue, in 1822. He married (second) Anna McLean and four children were born to that union. His third marriage was to Martha Anderson, who was born October 2, 1816, a daughter of Matthew Anderson, of Chartiers Township. She died October 2, 1882, three years before Mr. Reed's decease. Eight children were born to them: Elizabeth, who is the wife of David White, of Canonsburg; John, who died September 21, 1863, in Indiana; Matthew Anderson Reed, who lives in Allegheny, Pa.; Thomas Alexander, who lives at Pasadena, Cal.; Joseph; George Murray Reed, who is a resident of Newville, Pa., and is a U. P.

minister; Julia A., who is the wife of Alonzo Hemphill, of Houston, Pa.; and Campbell Ledlie, who lives in Houston, Pa. Joseph Reed, Sr., served in township offices and for many years was a justice of the peace. On February 15, 1854, he was ordained an elder in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, but later severed his relations with that body in order to unite with the church at Venice, which was much nearer his home.

Joseph Reed received his schooling in Cecil Township and since reaching man's estate has devoted himself closely to agricultural pursuits. For many years he raised a large amount of stock and made a specialty of high grade sheep. Being a representative citizen of his community he has frequently been tendered public office and is serving in his second term as justice of the peace. In politics he has always been identified with the Republican party.

On July 11, 1883, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Ella C. Cabbage, a daughter of John and Mary (Hutchison) Cabbage, and they have three children: Myrtle, Joseph Houston and Ethel E., the latter of whom was educated at Muskingum College, Ohio. Mr. Reed is a director in the Citizens' Trust Company of Canonsburg. With his family he belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Venice.

FRANK KOCHER, who is assistant manager of the Ellsworth Supply Company, at Cokeburg, Pa., was born at Allentown, Pa., in May, 1884, and his education was obtained in the schools of his native place.

Mr. Kocher entered into business at Allentown and was connected with a hat store there for some time. He went from there to Midway, Washington County, entering the employ of the Federal Supply Company and from there went with the same company to McDonald, where he remained for two years. Then he came to Cokeburg and assumed the duties of his present position with the Ellsworth Supply Company. Mr. Kocher is recognized as an able and reliable business man.

On October 15, 1908, Mr. Kocher was married to Miss Effie Koldyke, a daughter of R. T. Koldyke, formerly of Canonsburg. In politics, Mr. Kocher is a Republican and he has served on the borough council and also as school director.

JAMES BUCHANAN MONTGOMERY, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of East Finley Township, and also one of the stockholders and directors in the Farmers' National Bank, of Claysville, Pa., was born in this township, July 27, 1856, son of Silas and Margaret (Elliott) Montgomery. He is a grandson of Hugh Montgomery, who was born in Ireland in 1780, and who, when a young man, emigrated to this country, landing in Philadelphia. From there Hugh came to Washington

County and in October, 1803, took up 200 acres of land situated about seven miles southeast of the present town of Claysville, on the head waters of Big Wheeling Creek. Here he built a log cabin and began the work of developing his farm. He married in 1808, Ruth Enlow, of East Finley Township, and their children were, Susanna (Mrs. Thornberry), born February 20, 1810; Anne (Mrs. Sprowls), born November 17, 1811; James, born October 23, 1813 (moved to Ohio); John, born November 5, 1815; Jesse, born September 27, 1817; William, born July 23, 1819; Rebecca (Mrs. Post), born May 24, 1821; Phoebe (Mrs. Martin), born November 14, 1823; Alexander, born August 6, 1825; Mary (Mrs. Sprowls), born May 13, 1828; and Silas, born June 18, 1830. Of the above mentioned children, James and Phoebe moved to Ohio, John and Jesse settled in East Finley Township; William resided in Washington Borough for many years, where he kept a store and was justice of the peace. In addition to the land which Hugh Montgomery took up one coming to Washington County, he afterwards purchased over 600 acres more. At his death he bequeathed 150 acres to each of his six sons. In addition to carrying on agriculture, he dealt largely in stock. In politics he was a Democrat. He died May 17, 1847, aged 67 years; his wife died July 22, of the same year at the age of sixty-one.

Silas Montgomery, who was the youngest son of his parents, was born in East Finley Township, Washington County. He received a limited schooling and was brought up to farm life and labor on the paternal homestead. He married, September 7, 1855, Margaret, daughter of William Elliott, of Morris Township. Of this union there were two children, James Buchanan and Elliott Wilson, the latter born October 31, 1857, died September 15, 1877. Silas Montgomery died August 27, 1883, after which his widow made her home with her son James B., until her own death, which took place February 17, 1902. She is buried by the side of her husband in East Finley Cemetery. Silas Montgomery at his death owned a considerable amount of property. He belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and in politics was a Democrat. He was one of the founders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Fairview.

James Buchanan Montgomery was given a practical common school education and learned farming under his father, which occupation he has since followed successfully. He has continued to reside on the old homestead, the property now consisting of 373 acres, and he devotes his chief attention to stock raising. In politics he is a Democrat, and is now serving his second term of five years as justice of the peace. He is also assessor and has served creditably in other township offices.

He was married August 22, 1878, to Kate, daughter of Samuel Hunt of West Finley Township, and their chil-

dren have been as follows: Ross, married Pearl Sprowls and resides in the State of Kansas; Silas, now deceased; Ida, married Elsworth Farrell, of West Finley and resides in Washington; Robert, a student at Chicago University, taking a medical course; Janettie, wife of W. E. Howley, resides in South Dakota; Samuel, married Emma Lawrence, of West Finley and resides in Kansas; Lucinda, a school teacher in Chartiers Township; Rosella, resides at home; Catherine, now deceased; Clara B., at home.

Mr. Montgomery belongs to the United Brethren Church, of which he is a trustee. He is a Democrat politically. He has a large sawmill on his property which he operates. His stock raising operations are directed chiefly to the raising of Short-horn cattle.

REMEMBRANCE H. RUSH, cashier of the First National Bank, and treasurer of the borough of Charleroi, Pa., was born October 17, 1869, in Clarksville, Greene County, Pa., and is a son of William and Martha J. (Hughes) Rush.

Jacob Rush, a descendant of John Rush, who was an officer in Cromwell's army, and ancestor of Benjamin Rush, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was the great-grandfather of our subject, and was born in 1738 in Fairfax County, Va. In 1792 he moved to Greene County, Pa., where on May 3, 1793, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania granted him a patent on 163 acres of land in Morgan Township, where his death occurred in 1820, the land being known now as the old Rush homestead. His son Matthias Rush, and grandfather of our subject, was born and reared on this farm, and became one of the prominent farmers of the county.

William Rush, father of the subject of this sketch, was born on this farm, October 20, 1825, and died April 21, 1897, in Greene County, Pa. He was a farmer and stock dealer and married Martha Josephine Hughes, a native of Fayette County, Pa., whose father, Remembrance Hughes, was one of the pioneers in the gold fields of California, and after whom our subject was named. The latter's mother, who is a resident of Allegheny County, Pa., is the mother of eight children, as follows: Matthias A., a resident of Allegheny City, Pa., and a contractor by trade; Belle M., wife of Robert Crawford; Remembrance H., whose name begins this article; Ophelia Frances; Juelda L.; Mary Elizabeth; Benjamin F. (deceased), and Cuba. William Rush was a soldier in the Civil War, serving as a member of Co. F, 1st Pa. Vol. Cav. Enlisting August 15, 1861, he was discharged January 15, 1863, on account of disability.

Remembrance H. Rush was reared on his father's farm and educated in the local schools. In 1891, when the borough of Charleroi was laid out, he came to this locality and in partnership with H. H. Penny established

the first grocery store here. In 1894 he removed to Pittsburgh, where he entered the employ of The H. J. Heinz Co., with whom he continued until 1896, in which year he became an employee of the Carnegie Steel Company, now the United States Steel Corporation. He continued with them until 1898, when he accepted a position as cashier of the First National Bank of Charleroi.

Mr. Rush is a Republican in politics, and is now serving as treasurer of the borough of Charleroi. He is fraternally a Mason, and a member of the Charleroi Blue Lodge, No. 615; the Monongahela Chapter, No. 249; the McKean Commandery, No. 80; the Imperial Council of Shriners of the Syrian Temple of Pittsburgh.

HON. GEORGE H. POWELSON, Burgess of Midway, Pa., and one of the borough's substantial and representative citizens, has been a resident here ever since he left school. He was born at Cross Creek, Washington County, Pa., May 1, 1864, and is a son of Lewis and Mary Jane (McElheney) Powelson.

The parents of Mr. Powelson are well known and respected residents of Cross Creek, where they have lived for many years and where the father still conducts a wagon making shop. Of their children George H. was the eldest, the other being: William M.; Della, who married David Huber; Charles E., who is deceased; Laura, who married Thomas Petit; and John M.

George H. Powelson was educated in the village schools and Cross Creek Academy, attending that institution for two terms. He then came to Midway and after teaching one term of school, went to work in a wagon and blacksmith shop. Two years later he bought the shop and conducted it himself for fifteen years subsequently. After selling out he worked at carpentering and house painting for three years, and in 1907 he opened his present carriage repair shop. His many interests make him one of the busiest men of the borough. He is secretary of the Midway Mutual Building and Loan Association, is also a justice of the peace and in the spring of 1909 was elected Burgess of Midway, to serve a term of three years. Mr. Powelson at times has invested in property at Midway and has an attractive home residence and also owns his repair shop building. For thirteen years he served as auditor of Robinson Township.

Mr. Powelson married in 1887, Miss Rebecca N. Weaver, who died in 1905. She was a daughter of Cornelius and Martha Weaver. Of this marriage five children were born, namely: Willard Brady, Louis Cornelius, George M., Leona Dell Rae, and Rosalie Gertrude. Mr. Powelson married for his second wife, in 1905, Miss Emma Bish, a daughter of George W. and Catherine Bish, of Midway, and they have two children: Mary Catherine and Ida May. In politics he is a Democrat. He was reared in the United Presbyterian Church, while his

wife was brought up a Baptist. Mr. Powelson also has identified himself with several fraternal organizations, but at present only belongs to one—the Midway Lodge, No. 509, Knights of Pythias.

JOHN SNYDER, one of the leading farmers and dairymen of Carroll Township, residing on a farm of eighty-five acres, located about three miles west of Monongahela City on the Washington Pike, was born on the home farm in Fayette County, Pa., December 9, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Galley) Snyder.

Henry Snyder, who was born at Fountain Mills, Westmoreland County, Pa., was a son of Nicholas and Eve (Hough) Snyder, the father of Nicholas being a Revolutionary soldier. Nicholas Snyder, who was one of the early settlers of Westmoreland County, Pa., married Barbara Galley, a daughter of Philip and Magdalene (Newcomer) Galley, and a granddaughter of Peter Galley, who served in the Revolutionary War, as a private in the Second Continental Line, under Col. Walter Stewart. Peter Galley, great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was married in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1773, to Sophia Sterne, their union resulting in the birth of two children—Philip, and a daughter, who died in infancy. The son Philip married Magdalene Newcomer, who died August 24, 1851, and they became the parents of twelve children, of whom Barbara, the mother of our subject, was the third youngest. Philip Galley died August 31, 1852.

Barbara Galley was born February 14, 1814, and died April 15, 1891, and was married to Henry Snyder near the old Galley homestead in Fayette County, Pa. Of their marriage were born the following children: David R.; Jesse O., deceased; Catherine, who is the wife of David Junk; John, our subject; Philip G.; Margaret Laura, who married William Devall; Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; Charlotte, deceased; and Diana, who is the wife of Dr. F. R. McGrew. Henry Snyder died in February, 1893. The Galley family holds an annual reunion, which is an event that is looked forward to with great interest by over 600 descendants of the founder of the family in this country. Mr. Snyder has in his possession a fine photograph taken of the descendants who attended one of the reunions.

John Snyder grew to man's estate on his father's farm in Fayette County, and has always followed farming and dairying as occupations. In 1899 he came to Washington County and purchased from the Lemont estate his present farm of eighty-five acres. He has since lived continuously in Carroll Township, where he stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the township. He is politically identified with the Democratic party, and holds membership with the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Mary Montgomery, who was a daughter of John Montgomery of East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., and their five children are: Clark; Frank, who married Pearl Redd; Diana, who is the wife of John Cruise; Ada; and Jesse.

THOMAS SCOTT had much to do with making the history of western Pennsylvania, perhaps more than any of our pioneers. He was born in Chester County, but lived in Lancaster County until 1770, when he removed with his family and settled on Dunlap's Creek, in what was then Bedford, now Fayette, County. In 1773, when Westmoreland County was created, he was made a justice of the peace, and was an influential Pennsylvanian in the boundary controversy with Virginia. He was a member of the state convention which formed the first Pennsylvania constitution of 1776, and the next year he became a member of the Supreme Executive Council. Upon the organization of Washington County in 1781, he was appointed prothonotary and clerk of that county, and he then removed to Washington. In 1787 he was a member of the State convention ratifying the first constitution of the United States, and in 1788 he was a member of the first Congress under that constitution. In 1792, the next year after his admission to the bar, he was elected a member of the third Congress of the United States. He died on March 2, 1796, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, leaving a widow (maiden name unknown), three sons and eight daughters. One son, Alexander, succeeded him in Congress. One daughter, Agnes, married Samuel McKinley, and became the grandmother of Alexander McKinley, the father of F. B. McKinley, the jeweler, of Washington; another, Elizabeth, married Alexander Cunningham, and became the mother of Samuel Cunningham, the cashier of the old Franklin Bank, afterwards the First National Bank, of Washington; Jean, another, married David Hoge, a son of David Hoge, the proprietor of Washington; and Mary, another, married Joseph Pentecost, admitted to the Washington bar in 1792. The will of Thomas Scott, in his own handwriting, is filed in our register's office, and is recorded in will book No. 1, page 283. A volume could be made of the recorded incidents of the life of Thomas Scott. His remains were removed from the old graveyard, West Walnut street, Washington, Pa., April 26, 1909, by F. P. McKinley to his lot in the Washington Cemetery.

ROBERT W. DAVIS, a retired farmer of Washington, residing at No. 20 Donnan avenue, was born in 1863, in Washington, Pa., and is a son of Dr. R. W. Davis. Dr. Davis was born on the homestead farm on Middleton Road October 9, 1832, and died December 9, 1895. He first embarked in the practice of his profession with

Dr. Wilson for a time, after which he engaged in business for himself. He married Mary Ann Spriggs, a daughter of James Spriggs, the latter of whom was born February 14, 1801, and was one of the prominent early settlers of Washington County, having served as sheriff of the county. Samuel Davis, grandfather of our subject, was one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County.

Robert W. Davis was reared in Washington and attended the Union School, after which he worked for some time in a grocery store. He later located on a farm, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for ten years. He then removed to Washington, in order to educate his children, but still looks after his farming interests.

In 1887, Mr. Davis was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Margaret Boon, a native of Washington, and a daughter of James Boon, the family being one long established in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are the parents of the following children: Mary Spriggs Davis, Walter Weirich, Susanna, Margaret and Robert Wiley Davis.

Mr. Davis and family are members of the Third Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees. He is an Odd Fellow and belongs to Lodge No. 81.

THOMAS ROSS, whose well cultivated farm of twenty-three acres is situated one mile north of Canonsburg, in Cecil Township, Washington County, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, January 1, 1868, a son of John Ross, who is now deceased.

Thomas Ross was eighteen years of age when he came to America. He had attended school in his native land and had had some agricultural experience, hence he went to work as a farmer after locating near Canonsburg, and following his marriage, in March, 1901, purchased the present farm. The coal had already been sold and the property tested for oil. Mr. Ross follows general farming, each year succeeding in making his property more valuable.

In 1901, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Artie Viola Hamilton, a daughter of D. Hamilton, and they have one son, John Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of Chartiers United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' Trust Company's bank of that place.

WILLIAM HOUGH, one of Canton Township's representative citizens, large farmers and successful dairymen, has resided on his valuable farm of 285 acres since the fall of 1879. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., November 16, 1838, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Warner) Hough.



ROBERT W. DAVIS





In Westmoreland County the Hough family was honored as among the pioneer settlers. William Hough, father of the present William, was born in that county and died there about 1879. His father was Paul Hough. Of the children of William and Elizabeth (Warner) Hough six still survive: Mary A., who is the widow of Samuel Strieker, of Fayette County; Michael and David, both of whom live in Westmoreland County; Charlotte, who is the widow of John Fisher, and resides in Westmoreland County; Elizabeth, who married Henry Metzger, and lives in Westmoreland County; and Maria, who is the widow of Salathiel Aspey, who died in Missouri, she now residing in Chicago.

William Hough, our direct subject, grew to manhood on his father's farm in South Huntington Township, Westmoreland County. He has devoted his whole life to agriculture, living in Fayette County for some years prior to coming to Washington. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. He has served a number of times in township offices in Canton Township, being road supervisor and road commissioner, and is much interested in the good roads problem, during his official terms giving this important matter his closest attention.

Mr. Hough was married to Miss Catherine Shupe, a daughter of Jacob L. Shupe, of Westmoreland County, and the following children were born to them: Sarah A., who lives in Canton Township; Jacob L. who lives in Westmoreland County; Almeda, who is the wife of James Campbell, of Westmoreland County; Lyman, who lives at Wheeling, W. Va.; Margaret, who is the wife of Joseph Williams, of Westmoreland County; Elsie, who lives at home; Samuel J. T., who is engaged in the hardware business at Washington; and Huston, who is also a resident of Washington. Mr. Hough and family are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

HENRY BOURNS, manager of the Ellsworth Collieries Company's supply stores at Ellsworth, Pa., assistant postmaster and identified with other leading interests of the place, was born in County Down, Ireland, July 14, 1868, and is a son of Henry and Anna Handley (McDonald) Bourns.

The father of the subject of this sketch died when the latter was twelve years old. He had been head constable of the county police force, a position of importance. When left a widow, the mother of Mr. Bourns came to America accompanied by two sons and one daughter, leaving Henry in Ireland. She was a very capable woman, a native of Scotland and for many years a teacher in Ireland prior to her marriage.

For several years after being left alone in Ireland, Mr. Bourns was employed in a store, but when eighteen years of age he, too, came to the United States and joined his mother at Scranton, Pa. In that city a dis-

tant relative, Judge Handley, was president of a bank, and it was in the hope of securing a position there that the youth crossed the ocean. Another friend, however, appeared and through his good offices the bright and comely Irish boy was placed with the Lackawanna Company within a week after reaching Scranton, and with this company he has been identified for twenty-three years, advancing from clerk to bookkeeper, to store manager at Scranton and South Scranton, and coming to Ellsworth from the latter place when the Ellsworth Collieries Company was taken over by the Lackawanna Company. His faithfulness and ability have been amply rewarded. He is serving in his third year as manager of the stores mentioned and is a member of the borough council and of the school board, also vice-president of the Ellsworth National Bank, and is numbered as one of the representative citizens of this model mining town.

Mr. Bourns married Miss Helen Virtue Jones and they have one bright little son of five years, Henry Cummings Bourns. Mr. Bourns is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the building committee which has under consideration the erection of a handsome new church edifice here in the near future.

JOHN R. GAMBLE, one of North Strabane Township's representative citizens and extensive farmers and stock raisers, resides on his exceedingly valuable farm of 190 acres, the fine improvements on which have been put here by himself. Mr. Gamble was born in the town of Washington, Washington County, Pa., April 23, 1854, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Tinkey) Gamble.

John Gamble was born and reared in Nottingham Township, Washington County, and in his early life was a school teacher. Subsequently he became a factor in politics, served as county clerk, for three years was county commissioner and for thirteen years was superintendent of the Washington County Home. The later years of his life were spent on his farm in North Strabane Township, which he purchased from the Sheriff McClelland estate and which was known in the early history of the county as the Dorsey Pentecost farm, it being one of the first tracts of cultivated land in the county. There John Gamble died in 1884, his widow surviving him four years. They had four sons and two daughters, namely: James S., born in Somerset Township, February 8, 1852; John R.; Mary Elizabeth, born December 18, 1856, married Levi Winnett, who died in 1905; William W., born June 16, 1859, resides at Thomas Station; David E., born February 15, 1865, is engaged in a feed and machinery business at Monongahela City; and Annie, born November 20, 1867, who is the wife of J. T. Allen, of Thomas Station.

John R. Gamble has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since leaving school. In addition to his farm-

ing he is largely interested in stock and makes a specialty of growing Black Top Merino sheep. In politics he is a Republican and is an active party worker, but he has never consented to accept any political honors for himself. The family attend the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church at Thomas Station. Mr. Gamble is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

On June 30, 1885, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Sudie E. Pease, a daughter of William Pease, Esq., of North Strabane Township, and they have one son, John Harold, who was born May 1, 1899.

JAMES A. McCALMONT, a well-known citizen of Buffalo Township, a useful and energetic member of the school board, resides on his farm of 165 acres, where he successfully carries on general agriculture and raises good stock, including many head of sheep every year. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., in June, 1857, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (Allison) McCalmont.

His paternal grandfather, John McCalmont, was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was among the early settlers who came to found a home in that part of the then western wilderness that is now Mt. Pleasant Township. Here Alexander McCalmont was born, and his death took place in the same neighborhood, in 1896. He was one of the township's most substantial citizens, operating a farm of 275 acres for many years, and being one of the largest sheep growers in the county, keeping from 400 to 500 head of thoroughbred Spanish Merinos at a time. He frequently served in township office and his opinion was consulted whenever any matters of public importance were under consideration.

He married Mary Allison, who was born in Virginia, and they were both active members of the United Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant Township. Mrs. McCalmont died in 1903. Of their eleven children all, except the eldest, Mary E., are surviving, namely: John P., who resides in Washington, D. C.; Agnes, who is the wife of A. V. Lindsay, of Washington, Pa.; Samuel A., who lives in Mt. Pleasant Township; James A., who resides in Buffalo Township; Cora B., who is the wife of William Connor, of Washington; Emma J., who is the wife of J. B. Manson, of Cross Creek Township; Ida, who is the wife of William McBurney, of Crafton, Pa.; Abraham L., who resides in Pittsburg; Lillian, who is the wife of William E. Lane, formerly treasurer of Washington County; and Maud, who is the widow of the late Edward McCabe, of Burgettstown, and resides at West Middletown, Washington County.

The only death in this family of eleven children, was, as already mentioned, that of the eldest, Mary E., which occurred in the fifty-ninth year of her age. That this should have been the only death in such a large family

and in so many years, is a remarkable circumstance—one of a kind seldom met with. It would certainly seem to be due to good blood and correct and healthful living.

James A. McCalmont, the direct subject of this sketch, had early practical training in farm work on the parental homestead, and can scarcely remember the time when the tilling of the soil and the increase in the flocks and herds were not subjects of his concern and interest. He received a public school education and since completing his youthful studies has been engaged in agriculture and stock raising, besides dairying. After residing in Mt. Pleasant Township for a number of years, he moved to Chartiers Township, and from there, in 1904, he came to his present farm in Buffalo Township.

Mr. McCalmont married Miss Anna Farrar, who was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, this county, and is a daughter of the late Robert Farrar. They have six children, Mary E., Robert S., Jennie Gladys, Hilda Lyle, James Clair and Anna. Mr. McCalmont and wife are members of the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church. The former votes the Republican ticket. He takes a useful interest in township affairs, and to men like him the excellence of the public schools is largely due.

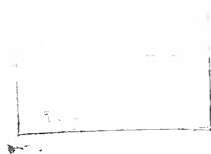
OTTO P. GLASSER, proprietor of the Glasser Hotel, a leading hostelry at Monongahela City, Pa., is an enterprising and representative business man here. He was born at Gilbertsville, Montgomery County, Pa., March 9, 1874, and is a son of John and Mary (Henry) Glasser, and a grandson of George Glasser, the latter of whom was a native of Germany. He was a tailor by trade and was in business at Wilkesbarre, Pa., at the time of his death.

The father of Mr. Glasser, who is now deceased, learned the tailor trade with his father, but for the last twenty-four years of his life was proprietor of a hotel, Carrolltown, Cambria County, Pa. He was twice married and two children were born to his union with Mary Henry: Otto P. and Rose, who is now deceased. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Glasser married Mary Gilbert and the following children were born to them: Joseph, who is deceased; Matilda, who is the wife of Ernest Burl; John, who is deceased; Andrew, who is clerk at the Hotel Glasser; and Charles, Mary, August, Aloysius (deceased), Catherine, Philip, Alphonse, Leo, Herman and Emile.

Otto P. Glasser attended the public schools of Cambria County until fifteen years of age and then learned the barber trade and followed it for nine years. He then went into business for himself and opened a restaurant at McDonald, which he conducted for four years and then took advantage of a good opportunity and sold. After this he opened a pool room and bowling alley



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which he operated for five years and after selling out those interests, on May 1, 1909, took possession of the Hotel Glasser. This is a three-story structure of attractive appearance, built of buff brick, containing forty rooms and favorably located on East Main street. Mr. Glasser understands how to make his guests comfortable, and enjoys a liberal patronage.

On June 4, 1895, Mr. Glasser was married to Miss Ilessie Brown, a daughter of James and Etta Brown. Her father has followed the blacksmith business at McDonald for the past twenty-six years. She is the youngest of his family, the others being: William, Calvin and Blanche, the last named being the wife of Joseph Hole. Mr. and Mrs. Glasser have four children: Imogene, Mary, Mildred and Maude. Mr. Glasser is a Republican in his political views. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 145, Knights of Pythias, at McDonald; Lodge No. 275, Improved Order of Heptasophs at McDonald; and Lodge No. 30, Royal Order of Moose, at McDonald.

FRANK B. HAMBRYS, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Donora, Pa., is also justice of the peace, and a director of the Bank of Donora; having been a resident here since 1902. He was born January 21, 1846, on a farm in Macomb County, Mich., a son of Thomas B. and Ellen Burt Hambrys, both of whom were born in Dorsetshire, England. His mother died when he was six years old and his father died when he was twenty.

Frank B. Hambrys remained on his father's farm until about 1864, when he began his career in the business world. In 1865 he was attending a business college at Detroit City when the news of Lincoln's assassination was proclaimed and this practically broke up the school. In 1866 he came to Pennsylvania and located at Williamsport, where he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad as a passenger brakeman and later a conductor, continuing in that capacity for four years under Frank Thompson, who was then division superintendent of that road and later president of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He spent the following two years as a telegraph operator and agent at Walnut Port, Pa., on the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad, then for ten years had charge of the Mt. Pleasant & Broad Ford Railroad as assistant superintendent of that and other branches in the Connellsville Coke region; the year 1876 he was one of the organizers and directors of the First National Bank of Connellsville, Pa.; he was also for one year assistant to President Donnelly of the Somerset & Cambria Railroad during its construction period between Somerset and Johnstown. He was then made general yardmaster of the B. & O. yards at Pittsburg, which position he held one year. Later he purchased limestone quarries and lime kilns at Martinsburg, W.

Va., where he resided three years and promoted the lime company, known as the Standard Lime Company. He then located at Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa., which was the former home of his wife, and entered into the coal and coke business, in which he continued for many years, both for himself and others, serving as paymaster and superintendent and in various other positions. Since 1902 he has been a resident of Donora, where he is engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He was first appointed justice of the peace by the governor of Pennsylvania in 1905, and later elected for that office on the Republican ticket for five years. In 1903 he was elected borough clerk of Donora and re-elected for five consecutive years, and in March, 1909, located in his present office at Seventh street, which was formerly occupied by Squire Castner. He has been a director of the Bank of Donora for the past four years.

In June, 1875, Squire Hambrys was united in marriage with Alice Virginia Kremer, of Uniontown, Pa., a daughter of Peter Kremer, a native of Winchester, Va., and Elizabeth Grant, of Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa. Mrs. Kremer was a granddaughter of Eastern Pennsylvania Revolutionary stock. Her grandfather, Culbertson, a native of Chambersburg, Pa., was killed at the Battle of Brandywine. Of their union were born nine children, as follows: Ellen Virginia, the wife of W. B. Curry, of Fayette County, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Claude Farquhar, of Monongahela City; Mary B.; Florence H.; Thomas B.; Frank B., who died in infancy; Frances K.; Edith L.; Fred B., all at home. Mr. Hambrys and family reside in a commodious home fronting the Monongahela River on Meldon avenue, Donora, Pa.

WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, an honored veteran of the Civil War, now living retired at McDonald, Pa., was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, October 20, 1839, and is a son of Hosea and Catherine (Meyers) Russell.

The parents of Mr. Russell have both passed away and their burial was at Clintonville, Venango County, Pa. The father was a bricklayer and plasterer by trade. His death occurred in 1875. The mother lived to be ninety-three years old, dying in June, 1909. They had the following children: William F., Lydia, who is now deceased (was the wife of James Armitage, of Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio); Solomon; Mary, who married L. C. Cameron; and Lucy, who married A. L. Sweetapple.

After his boyhood school days were over, William F. Russell worked three years drilling for coal, but when the oil discoveries in the Bradford and other fields in Pennsylvania gave promise of employment and possible wealth, Mr. Russell became interested in the great industry and has devoted many years of his life to oil

development. He owns eleven producing wells in the Bradford field and has an interest in ten wells in Venango County on the farm land of which he is one of the heirs. On March 1, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. B, 12th Pa. Vol. Cav., in which he served two years and then re-enlisted in the same company and same regiment. He took part in some of the great battles of the war and at the Second Battle of Bull Run was captured by the enemy and kept a prisoner for three months before he was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Md. Mr. Russell remained in the army until receiving an honorable discharge in July, 1865. During the last year he served as commissary sergeant and also acted as quartermaster while that officer was held a prisoner. He has taken much interest in matters pertaining to the G. A. R. and at present is adjutant of Lieut. S. M. Adams Post No. 330 at McDonald. He is a member also of the Union Veteran Legion No. 1 at Pittsburg. He is a Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Russell married Miss Minerva M. Crawford, who died in 1888. They also had three children, Frances, who married Stewart Brown; Edward and Lucius, the last named being now deceased. Mr. Russell married for his second wife Miss Anna M. McKinney.

W. A. H. McILVAINE, son of William R. and Sarah E. McIlvaine, was born in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., on March 1, 1871, on the old homestead farm now owned by Julius W. Nicholl.

His grandfather was William McIlvaine, son of Greer McIlvaine. The latter settled in Washington County in 1782. Greer McIlvaine, son of John, was born near Newberg, Cumberland County, Pa., in 1757. John was the son of James, who was the son of Andrew McIlvaine. The last named came to Lewes, Del., from Ayr, Scotland, in 1719.

W. A. H. McIlvaine attended the public schools of Somerset Township, and after some preparatory work, entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he graduated in the Class of 1894. After attending the Pittsburg Law School, he was admitted to the bar of Washington County, on October 26, 1898, and immediately entered into the practice of his profession at Washington. He continued alone until May, 1903, when he entered into partnership with Harry L. Williams, under the firm name of McIlvaine & Williams. Subsequently, Mr. McIlvaine was admitted to practice in all the courts of the State. He has taken a large amount of interest in politics, and has been actively interested in good government movements.

For twelve years, he has been on the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., showing much zeal in advancing the strength and opportunities of that organization. For two years he was the president of the County Christian

Endeavor Union and at the present time is president of the borough Council of East Washington.

On September 10, 1902, Mr. McIlvaine was married to Miss Annie G. Wilson, a daughter of John Wilson, who, for many years, was the superintendent of the Washington County Home. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine have three children, namely: Alexander Wilson, born May 29, 1904; John Wilson, born June 22, 1907, and Elizabeth Hamilton, born May 19, 1909. Mr. McIlvaine is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington and has served it as treasurer and trustee, and at the present time is president of the Men's Brotherhood.

BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY, general superintendent of the Ellsworth Colliers Company's mines at Ellsworth, Pa., was born in England, February 19, 1867, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Madison) Holliday.

Mr. Holliday is a practical miner and the son of a miner. He was fifteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to America, but prior to this had already worked in the mines of England. The family lived at Jackson, Mich., for two years and then Benjamin went to Illinois and from there to Iowa, and in 1889 came to Washington County, Pa., and subsequently worked in the different mines down the Monongahela Valley. He became mine boss at the Ferguson mine in Fayette County, and in 1892 became pit boss of the mines at Smock, in that county, coming from there to Ellsworth in 1901, where he served one year as mine superintendent. In 1902 he returned to Smock as superintendent for the Pittsburg Coal Company and remained there until his return to Ellsworth in 1907. He has become one of the leading citizens of this model mining town, is serving as burgess and is a member of the board of directors of the National Bank of Ellsworth.

Mr. Holliday married Miss Jane Lowther and they have six children: Olive, Bertha, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph and Robert, the eldest daughter being a student in the California Pennsylvania State Normal School. Mr. Holliday is prominently identified with the Masons, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Fayette City, the Chapter at Brownsville and McKeen Commandery at Charleroi.

JAMES HOLLERAN, a well-known citizen of Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., residing on his farm of forty-one acres, situated three miles northeast of Canonsburg, was born in Cecil Township, November 18, 1854. His parents were Michael and Katherine (McMahon) Holleran.

The parents of Mr. Holleran came to America after their marriage, both having been born in Ireland, and they settled on a farm in Cecil Township, Washington County. Michael Holleran followed farming there until





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his death, which occurred about 1863, his widow surviving him for a number of years. They were devout Catholics and in their house religious services were often held before there was any Catholic Church in the vicinity. Michael Holleran and wife had seven children: Bridget, who is deceased; John, who lives in Peters Township; Frank, who is deceased; Margaret, who married Patrick Reagan, and lives at Canonsburg; Michael, who is deceased; James; and Anna Mary, who married Timothy O'Herron and resides at Canonsburg.

James Holleran attended school at Canonsburg or vicinity when he was young, but he early started to take care of himself, engaging in the home neighborhood in teaming. He has continued his teaming business, together with his farm industries, now being a contractor and also operating a saw-mill. Through energy and industry combined with good business management, Mr. Holleran has done well. He had many responsibilities resting on him in his youth and had fewer opportunities than many others, but he overcame obstacles and is now what is termed a successful self-made man. After his marriage he settled on his present farm, all of which is tillable, and he has improved his property by repairing the buildings.

On August 3, 1887, Mr. Holleran was married to Miss Anna M. Ayers, a daughter of John and Anna (Hunt) Ayers. John Ayers was born in Mt. Pleasant Township and his wife at Canonsburg, Washington County. They live retired at the latter place and are members of the United Presbyterian Church there. The father of Mrs. Ayers, Joseph Hunt, was a prominent resident of Canonsburg at one time and was a faithful supporter of the Democratic party, as are both Mr. Ayers and Mr. Holleran. Mr. and Mrs. Holleran have eight children: William Martin, Wylie Clarence, Lloyd James, Martha, Ella Mahel, Marie, Anna and Ethel Jeanette.

Mr. Holleran's wife and family are members of the Greenside Avenue United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg, Pa. By birth he was a Catholic, but is not now a member of any church.

CAPT. R. M. COOK, who has been a resident of Washington for twenty-two years, has been identified with the coal industry and with large real estate investments during the greater part of his business life and for a long period has been prominent in State military affairs. He was born at Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa., in 1860, and is a son of J. V. H. Cook and a grandson of Samuel R. Cook.

J. V. H. Cook, who is one of the leading coal men of Washington County, was born at Canonsburg, in 1837, where he still resides. He is a son of Samuel R. Cook, who was born at Canonsburg, Pa., then went to Knox County, Ohio, and from there came to attend col-

lege in Washington County, when Canonsburg was known far and wide as an educational center. Later he taught school there and finally became identified with the coal interests and spent the remainder of his life in the county.

Capt. Cook was reared at Canonsburg and attended the public schools. He entered business as a retail coal merchant and, in association with his father and his brother, S. C. Cook, formed a partnership in 1887, for the development of coal and they are operators of several mines in Washington County. Mr. Cook also has large real estate interests. In 1884 he first identified himself with the National Guards, joining Co. H, 10th Pa. N. G., of which he was a member for seven years. In 1905 he was appointed inspector of rifle practice for his regiment and is a member of the regimental staff of Col. Coulters, with the rank of captain.

In 1887, Capt. Cook was married to Miss Clara V. McNary, a daughter of J. D. McNary, of Washington, and they have one son. They are members of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN T. BURNSIDE, general farmer, stock raiser and dairyman, who resides on the old Burnside homestead, in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., on which his paternal grandfather settled in 1827, was born on this farm June 22, 1868. His parents were George D. and Nancy (Oram) Burnside.

Joseph Burnside, the grandfather of John T., was born in Ireland. On coming to America he settled first in Allegheny County, Pa., and from there came to Washington County. Both he and wife died on the farm now owned by their grandson, John T. Burnside. They had three daughters and one son: Rachel, who was the wife of John Foley, and died at Gibson City, Ill., in November, 1909; Mary Ann, who married a Mr. Hesup, and died also in Illinois; Jane, who married a Mr. Thompson, of Monmouth, Ill.; and George D.

George D. Burnside spent his life on the farm above mentioned and was numbered with the successful farmers and stock raisers of the county. His death occurred in 1889, when he was aged sixty-five years. He married Nancy Oram, a daughter of James and Prudence McConnell Oram. She now resides at Washington, being in her eighty-fourth year. Five children were born to George D. Burnside and wife: Mary, who married John R. Slater, of Cecil Township; Elizabeth (who married W. A. McBurney, now a resident of Canonsburg), deceased; Martha, who married James Patton, and resides at Sparta, Ill.; James, an attorney at Washington, who married Prudence Eckles, and has one son, Robert James.

John T. Burnside obtained a common school education in Chartiers Township. He has continued to live on the

old homestead and has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. In addition to general farming and dairying, for the past twelve years he has been engaged in breeding registered Holstein cattle and his herds of from thirty to forty head show that he has met with success. He does quite a large business in putting stock on the market. The farm is well improved, the buildings now standing having been erected by his father.

In 1893 Mr. Burnside was married to Miss Mary F. McKown. She was reared in Allegheny County and is a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Alexander) McKown, of Bridgeville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Burnside have four children: Martha A., George D., Lloyd C. and Alice M., all of whom are students, the elder daughter being a member of the Class of 1913 of the Canonsburg High School. Mr. Burnside and family are members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg. In politics he is a Republican.

ALBERT M. ALGEO, superintendent of the Hazel Atlas Glass Factory No. 1, is one of the most enterprising young business men of Washington. He was born in 1878 near Canonsburg, Pa., his parents moving to Washington shortly afterward, where he attended the common school of what is now the Eighth Ward. It was not possible for him to continue regularly at school and at the age of ten he started to work at the glass factory now operated by the Phoenix Glass Company, at that time known to the boys as the "Union," and in a short time secured a place at 60 cents per day as carrying-in boy at the Hazel—the same factory that he now has charge of. At the age of about twelve he went to the Tyler Tube & Pipe Mills, working there for nearly three years and then went to the Duncan Glass Factory, which had just recently located in town and naturally attracted many boys. At this plant he served four years, which took him clear through the ranks of apprenticeship. The only schooling he had gotten since ten years of age had been parts of two or three winter terms and he had never studied anything but reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. At the age of nineteen he left the Duncan Glass Factory and entered the Washington Business College, sweeping, scrubbing, dusting and taking care of the rooms in pay for his tuition, and he gives to Prof. Louis Van Orden and Miss Lois White credit for most of his education, which covered a period of from January 1 to June 1 of one year and from September 1 to about February 1 of the next year. At this time he secured a place in the office of Mr. W. C. Baldwin as stenographer. Mr. Baldwin was then with the New York Life Insurance Company with offices in Pittsburgh, making it necessary to go to Pittsburg every morning. After continuing this for several months Algeo was transferred

to Washington, Pa., (due, he sincerely believes, to the fact that he could not do the work satisfactorily) to keep the books and do the office work for the Murdoch, Baldwin Oil Company. This gave him a chance to attend night school at the Washington Business College. On his twenty-first birthday he secured a position as stenographer in the office of the Hazel Glass Company. After working at various positions in the office, he was finally made purchasing agent, and at different times was sent out to sell goods. Shortly after the organization of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company he was made superintendent of Hazel Factory No. 1. He is also a stockholder of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company.

Mr. Algeo is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church and has attended it since its organization about fifteen years ago in the W. & J. college building, having served an extended period as usher and has served as secretary of the Sabbath-school. He is one of the charter members of the Bassett Club, which is composed of Washington's brightest young men, and of which he has served as secretary.

P. A. CURRAN, justice of the peace and a representative citizen of Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., resides on his farm of fifty acres, which is yearly growing more valuable. Mr. Curran was born in Perry County, Ohio, October 15, 1863, and is a son of Morgan and Mary (Haughran) Curran. The father of Mr. Curran still resides in Perry County, but the mother died December 15, 1908. Of their twelve children, P. A. is the only one residing in Washington County.

P. A. Curran obtained a common school education in his native county and for some years afterward was variously engaged, a part of the time being manager of a store at Corning, Ohio. He then went to the West and for three years worked as a millwright at Deadwood, S. Dak., and also was weighmaster there. After he returned to Washington County, he resided for a short time at McDonald and then became the manager of a store at Reissing, for W. P. Renn, a mine owner. About this time he married and then located in Cecil Township and engaged in a general store and oil well supply business. He is one of the best known men in this section. In 1897 he was first elected to the office of justice of the peace and has served continuously ever since, with the exception of one year.

On October 29, 1895, Mr. Curran was married to Miss Julia B. Chambers, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Ellen (Sweeny) Chambers. Her father, who was born in Ireland and came to America when fifteen years of age, resided first at Steubenville, Ohio, and then came to Cecil Township as foreman of a gang of men building the railroad. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Chambers, seven survive. Mr. and Mrs. Curran have one daughter, Margaret Sweeny, who was born March 22, 1898, and attends school at Cecil. Mr. Curran and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a Republican.

JARRETT COVENTRY, for many years a well known and highly respected citizen of Hanover Township, was born January 16, 1825, on the farm on which his widow now resides, and died on the same farm, August 6, 1902. He was a son of James and Letitia Coventry, and a grandson of John Coventry, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1750. John Coventry learned the trade of a weaver in his native land, and when a young man was married to Martha Brown, who was born in 1754. Some years after their marriage they emigrated to America, settling first in Eastern Pennsylvania. John Coventry joined the Continental army and took an active part in the struggle for independence, sharing the sufferings and privation of the American soldiers, some idea of which can be gained by reading the account of the terrible winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. After the war times were hard and, owing to the depreciation of the Continental currency, a little dress which was purchased for a son, cost \$60.00.

Accounts having reached them of the cheap lands opened to settlers in the western part of the State, they decided to improve this opportunity to better their condition, and with their few earthly possessions, started on foot to make the long and tedious journey across the mountains. They carried with them their little son Robert, then about two years old. Arriving at last in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., John Coventry purchased a small piece of land and erected thereon a rude log cabin after the manner of the pioneer settlers. Here, besides farming, he carried on his trade of weaver. In due time their primitive abode was supplanted by a more comfortable dwelling and prosperity crowned the efforts of this hardy pioneer. He lived to enjoy the many marked improvements in his surroundings and in the modes of life, passing away February 5, 1845, when in his ninety-fifth year. He was laid to rest by the side of his wife, who had preceded him to the grave on April 8, 1832. Both are buried in the U. P. Cemetery at Burgettstown, Pa. Their children were Robert (died in Hanover Township), William, James (father of the subject of this sketch), John (a school teacher who resided for a time in Steubenville, Ohio, and afterwards in New Philadelphia, Ohio, where some of his descendants are now living), Jane (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased wife of William Smiley), and Martha (deceased). John Coventry and his wife were members of the Seeder Church, and were accustomed to walk the whole distance

of ten miles to attend the services. They later transferred their membership to the church of that denomination at Burgettstown. In politics John Coventry was a Democrat.

James Coventry, son of John and Martha (Brown) Coventry, was born in Hanover Township on the early parental homestead and there passed his boyhood days attending the country schools. In 1824 he married Letitia Coventry, whose parents were born in Ireland. For some time after his marriage James Coventry resided on the farm that was later the home of his son Jarrett, but subsequently located near Murdocksville, in Allegheny County, where he died in 1851, at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife did not long survive him. He was a successful farmer and a man of conscientious life. He was a member of the Seeder Church, and was one of the founders of the Robinson U. P. Church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry were the parents of children as follows: Nancy, deceased; Jarrett, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Matilda, who died January 12, 1908, was the wife of Joseph Searight, of Allegheny County, Pa.; Mary Jane, unmarried, who died January 20, 1908; and John S., of Allegheny County, who died January 1, 1908. It will be noted that the three last mentioned died within three weeks of one another.

Jarrett Coventry attended the district schools in his boyhood and subsequently engaged in farming for some years before his marriage in Allegheny County, but afterwards on the old home place. He had a sound practical knowledge of agriculture and was very successful in raising stock.

In November, 1875, Mr. Coventry was married to Miss Catherine Malone, a daughter of William and Ruth (Wilson) Malone. Her parents were both natives of Washington County, Pa., and belonged to old pioneer families. Their children were as follows: John, who is deceased; Sarah Jane, was the wife of Samuel Moore; Susan, now deceased, who was the wife of Alexander Bowser; Carson; Margaret, who married Dorsey Pedicord; Robert, who is an attorney in Pittsburg; William, who is a physician at Bergholz, Ohio; and Catherine, who became the wife of Jarrett Coventry. William Malone was a carpenter by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Coventry had three children—Annie, who married Charles B. Anderson; James Rankin, who manages the farm for his mother; and John S., who died in infancy. Mr. Coventry was a Democrat in politics, but never consented to serve in any office save that of school director. The family belong to the United Presbyterian Church at Robinson. Mr. Coventry was a kind husband and father and was a man highly esteemed for his many neighborly qualities.

WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER. The Alexander family has been an active factor in the business and social life of Monongahela for several generations and are represented in the local affairs of the community at the present day by the bank bearing their name.

William Herron Alexander, subject of this sketch, who is a member of the firm of Alexander & Co., bankers and secretary of the Monongahela City Trust Company, has been identified with the banking interests of Monongahela since 1883, when he entered the bank as a boy of eighteen, under the supervision of his father, the late James S. Alexander, and was born May 26, 1864, and educated in Dayton, Ohio, after finishing at the public schools of Monongahela.

James S. Alexander, father of William H. Alexander, was born in Monongahela, August 28, 1828, and was one of the younger sons of Joseph Alexander, who in 1843 established the partnership of Joseph Alexander & Son by taking in with him his son, the late William J. Alexander.

Joseph Alexander, grandfather of subject of this sketch, was born April 1, 1795, and commenced his business career in Monongahela in 1828 as a general trader, carrying on his business in a log house located on Main street. Joseph Alexander continued this business until 1843, when he took his son William J. Alexander into partnership with him, and from this business, as a result of the practical business ability and sagacity displayed by his son the present banking business was evolved. In 1850 the name was changed to Alexander & Company and James S. Alexander was taken in and devoted the whole of his life to the upbuilding of the bank in which he took an active and neverfailing interest. A few years previous to his death, as his years increased, desirous of having his sons, Frederick K. and William H. Alexander succeed him during his lifetime, Mr. Alexander gradually shifted the burden of business cares to younger shoulders and relieved himself largely of responsibility by dividing all but a small portion of his interest in the bank between his sons and giving them the advantage of his advice and experience, made them members of the firm, who now, with Joseph Alexander Herron, constitute the present organization.

William H. Alexander, on the organization of the Monongahela City Trust Company in 1901, was elected secretary and director, and has won many friends in the business world by his fairmindedness and pleasant manners and has a grasp of details, which is largely responsible for his business success.

In 1888 Mr. Alexander was united in marriage to Jennie Stuart Wilson, daughter of William H. Wilson of Monongahela, and they have one daughter, Jean. Mrs.

Alexandre's family has been intimately associated with the social and business life of the community since 1816. She is a descendant of the old Wilson family of Carlisle. Her great-grandfather, Hugh Wilson, of Carlisle, came to Monongahela in 1816 and operated a general trading store. He was one of the first ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church here, a strong Presbyterian of the Scotch-Irish school, of great piety and much force of character. Hugh Wilson's wife was Sibby Holmes; she attended the ball given in Philadelphia in 1776 in honor of the Declaration of Independence and the gray satin gown she wore on that occasion is a valued treasure of the family.

Mr. Alexander and family reside in a pleasant home at No. 707 West Main street and are active in the social life of the city. Mr. Alexander is devoted to the interests of his home town in which he takes pride and is always interested in anything that makes for the advancement of Monongahela. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Alexander is a corporator of the Monongahela Cemetery, the most beautiful "God's Acre" in the Monongahela Valley and was elected a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in 1905 to succeed his father.

BOYD E. WARNE, a representative citizen of Washington, Pa., an attorney at law and a member of the prominent firm of Duncan, Chalfant & Warne, was born in 1867, in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Hiram and a grandson of Maj. James Warne, who was a veteran of the Mexican War.

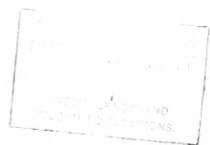
The late Hiram Warne was born February 16, 1822, in Monongahela City, Washington County, Pa., a son of Maj. James Warne. The latter was born in 1779, in Allegheny County, just across the river from Monongahela City, and he was captain of a company recruited at Monongahela City for the Mexican service. Hiram Warne followed farming and sheep raising in Nottingham Township until 1871, when he bought eighty-four acres of land adjacent to Washington and resided on that property until his death, which occurred in 1896. He was a leading citizen of Washington County.

Boyd E. Warne was reared in his native county. After his primary school training he spent six months in the old Jefferson Academy, and for six years was a student in Washington and Jefferson College, graduating in the class of 1890. In 1893 he was graduated from the law department of the University of West Virginia, after which he returned to Washington County and was admitted to the bar in 1895, having done his law reading with Mr. Duncan, of his present firm. The present partnership was entered into in April, 1905. Mr. Warne is a practitioner in all the State courts and in the United States District Court. He stands high in his profession



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and equally high in the various business enterprises aside from it in which he is more or less interested. Mr. Warne was married September 28, 1909, to Miss Geneva W. Harris, a daughter of Thomas T. Harris, a resident of Washington. He is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church at Washington, and is identified with the Elks and Heptasophis.

**SYLVESTER MARTIN**, manager and principal stockholder of the California Tool Works Company, with plant at California, Pa., has been a resident of this borough since 1891. He was born in Hartford County, Maryland, in March, 1856, and is a son of Philip and Margaret (Jones) Martin.

The parents of Mr. Martin were married in Baltimore. In 1848 they moved to Washington County, Pa., and in 1860 located near Washington. In the following year the father enlisted as a soldier in the Union Army, becoming a member of the 85th Pa. Vol. Inf. and serving three years and three months. He returned to Washington County after the close of his military service and settled at Hickory, where he followed the shoemaking trade for a number of years and then moved to Washington, but before his death returned to Hickory.

Sylvester Martin attended school at Hickory until 1876 when he went to Cross Creek and there learned the blacksmith's trade and after coming to California worked as a blacksmith for three years for the California Coal Company. He also went into the grocery business with his son, Joseph W. Martin, which was continued on the corner of Third and College streets for nine years, the younger partner being the manager, as his father was devoting the larger part of his attention to his tool works. This enterprise he entered into in a small way in 1895, but by 1906 it had grown to such large proportions that incorporation became advisable and it was capitalized at \$10,000. The plant includes a machine shop and factory on Water street and a stockroom and salesroom on Third street. The business is manufacturing and jobbing miners' tools and supplies.

Mr. Martin married Miss Martha J. Croner, a daughter of Joseph Croner, the latter of whom now resides in the State of California. Mrs. Martin was born and reared at Cross Creek, Washington County. They have two children, Joseph W. and Leonard P. The former married Margaret Dewar. The latter, who is foreman in the Tool Works, married Pauline Beazel, and they have had two children, Paul and Robert Wayne, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is one of the stewards. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Martin is an honorable and representative business man of California.

**FRANK B. MCKINLEY**, a leading business citizen of Washington, owner of the oldest jewelry store in this city, was born at Washington, Washington County, Pa., April 26, 1860, and is the third son and fourth child of the late Alexander and Margaret D. (Hayes) McKinley.

Mr. McKinley was educated in the Union High School at Washington and later was a Latin student under Rev. George P. Wilson, a well-known educator. When he put his books aside he entered his father's jewelry store, where he learned the jewelry and watchmaking trade. He continued to assist his father until the latter's retirement in 1886, when he became proprietor of the business and still carries it on successfully. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company for nine years. He is also interested in other prosperous enterprises and is a representative factor in the city's commercial life.

On September 22, 1886, Mr. McKinley was married to Miss Queen M. Ross, who is a daughter of David F. and Melvina (Richardson) Ross, both members of the oldest and highly respected families of the county.

Mrs. McKinley was born at Clyde, Washington County, Pa., October 1, 1861, is a graduate of the Union High School and the Washington Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley are active members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington, of which he is an official. He is identified with the Republican party.

Ethelynn May McKinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McKinley, was born at Washington, Washington County, Pa., July 27, 1887. She attended the Washington public schools and graduated from the Washington Seminary in 1907. In 1908 and 1909 she took a special course in elocution and language at Fairmont Seminary at Washington, D. C.

**W. F. WOODS**, one of Cecil Township's representative citizens and substantial farmers, owns 230 acres of valuable land, situated one mile south of McDonald, Washington County, Pa. He was born in Bethel Township, Allegheny County, Pa., December 1, 1851, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (McCulley) Woods.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Woods was Rev. William Woods, a pioneer minister of the Presbyterian faith, who was pastor of Bethel Church, Allegheny County, from 1797 to 1831. Both parents of W. F. Woods were born in Allegheny County, near Mount Lebanon, and they spent their lives there. The father died in 1894 and the mother in 1905, the burial of the former being in Bethel Cemetery, and that of the latter, in the Venice Cemetery. They were worthy members of Bethel Presbyterian Church.

W. F. Woods obtained his education in the Bethel Township schools and at Bethel Academy, in Allegheny

County, after which he assisted his father on the homestead and continued to reside there for eleven years following his marriage. In 1888 he bought his present farm, which had been considerably improved, a comfortable house being on the place, orchards set out and no building being necessary except the erecting of a barn large enough to accommodate the new owner's crops and stock. He has continued to operate this farm ever since and it is one of the best properties in the township. Mr. Woods is the fifth member of a family of six children and he has an older brother, John M., and four sisters—Martha, Elizabeth, Harriet and Annie.

On September 20, 1877, Mr. Woods was married to Miss Hannah Ewing, a daughter of William Ewing, of Allegheny County, and they have had eight children, namely: William, residing on a farm in Cecil Township, who married Kate Gerhing; Ralph, a physician, who died at Pittsburgh, June 23, 1909, leaving a widow, formerly Mary, a daughter of Dr. Botkin, of Ingram, Allegheny County; Della E., who resides at home; Fannie, who died August 31, 1889; Harry E., who married Elma Burns, of Washington, Pa., (is attending a theological seminary at Allegheny); Howard L., an engineer for the Pittsburgh Railway Company, who married Clara Dawson, of Ingram; and Clyde and Earl, both residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Woods are members of the Presbyterian Church at McDonald. In politics he is a Republican and is serving as a member of the Cecil Township school board.

JOHN VAN VOORHIS, a retired grocer of Monongahela City, Pa., was also identified with the agricultural interests of Carroll Township, for many years, and has been a lifelong resident of Washington County, Pa. He was born September 6, 1835, on the old Van Voorhis farm in Carroll Township, and is a son of Abraham and Jane (Phillips) Van Voorhis, and a grandson of Daniel Van Voorhis, who was one of the founders of the Van Voorhis family in this country.

Daniel Van Voorhis, grandfather of subject, was a sea captain for many years, and at a very early period came to America from Holland with two brothers. He first located for a time on Long Island, and in 1785 came to Pennsylvania and settled on land on Pigeon Creek, Carroll Township, then in Fayette County. Here he spent the remainder of his life, clearing the land, which he placed under cultivation. He was first married to Sarah Brett, widow of Francis Brett, after whose death he married Mary Newton, the grandmother of our subject. His third wife was Nancy Myers. Abraham Van Voorhis was born on Long Island and in 1785 came with his parents to Washington County, where he spent his entire life, passing away at the age of eighty-six years. He was first united in marriage with Ann Watkins, who was

born at Monongahela City, and died in November, 1828. Of their union were born: Garrett T., Joseph R. and Mary, all deceased. His second wife, and mother of our subject, was Jane Phillips, a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., who lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years. Of this union were born: Eliza, deceased; Lucinda, deceased; John, the subject of this sketch; Emmeline; Caroline; Cintha; Ceraunia, deceased; and Cynthia.

John Van Voorhis was reared on the home farm in Carroll Township and obtained his educational training in the old Stone school of that district. He subsequently engaged in farming on the home farm until 1886, when he came to Monongahela, where he embarked in the grocery business, in which he continued for a period of six years, since which time he has been living in retirement at No. 514 Main street. Mr. Van Voorhis owns a fine farm of 240 acres in Carroll Township, and also owns considerable real estate in Monongahela City. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as a member of the township school board. He holds membership with the Presbyterian Church.

On September 15, 1859, Mr. Van Voorhis was united in marriage with Isophene H. Teeple, who was reared in Monongahela City, and died April 13, 1904. Of their union were born the following children: Charles E., who operates his father's farm, married Sallie McConnell and has six children—Glen, Hazel, Lula, Francis, Gladys and Walter; Louisa, who is the widow of Simon Lilley, is the mother of three children, Charles, William, deceased, and Walter; Carry, who married Walter Blayney; Ceraunia Anna, who died aged twenty-eight years; William, and Eva, who died aged twenty-three years. On August 1, 1906, Mr. Van Voorhis married Mary B. Grooms, who is a daughter of Dr. James Grooms.

WILBUR SAMUEL JACKMAN, deceased. There were men reared in Washington County environment, whose life activity took them to other fields where their achievements were so luminous as to cast a light penetrating back to the realm of early associates; upon these careers and characters the county looks with pardonable pride. Numbered among them is the one whose name heads this sketch, a man who arose to the highest rank as an educator and scientist and whose strong personality left an imprint upon the characters of those with whom he came in contact. The early life of this well-remembered man is best portrayed in the words of his relict, Mrs. Ellen Reis Jackman. To quote:

"Wilbur Samuel Jackman was born at Mechanicstown, Ohio, on January 12, 1855. Two years later, his father and mother moved from there to Pennsylvania, and settled at California, a small town on the Monongahela River, fifty miles from Pittsburgh. Here, later, Mr. Jack-

man attended a small private school for a year. When he was about seven years old his parents bought the ancestral farm of his father, two and a half miles from the town and here Mr. Jackman lived through all the years of his young manhood.

To the little town boy this old farm with its hills, woods and bottom land, through which trickled a little brook, was a new and wonderful world. The stone house, then nearly half a century old, his father's father had helped to build when he was a boy. The spring house, through which ran a spring of cold sparkling water, and the spring itself flowing steadily, summer and winter, into a hollowed out block of stone, were all most interesting to him.

For a number of years Mr. Jackman went across the fields to a country school on the hill, about a mile from his home. In the morning and at the close of the day he assisted his father and mother in the farm work. Going for the cows, riding the horses to water at the brook, and later, as he grew older, plowing in the spring time, were all delightful occupations to him, and in later life were recalled with joy.

When Mr. Jackman had learned to ride a horse well he was sent to the State Normal School at California, and for years, through rain and snow and heat and cold he rode back and forth each day. With his farm duties he had little time for study and he said that most of his preparation for college was done while on horseback.

The farm continued to be an experimental field and a work shop for him. One duty of his boyhood was particularly distasteful to him, that of churning; so after much study and hard work, he succeeded in making the stream of water at the spring turn a wheel and do his work for him. He piped the water to the front lawn and there made a fountain. Above the house at the source of an underground spring, he planned and assisted in digging a pond, cemented it and kept fish in it for years, piping the water to the house for family use.

Mr. Jackman always had a keen interest in and love for the things of nature. He knew all the birds and flowers about the farm and on the long Sunday afternoon walks which it was his custom to take with his father, he learned thoroughly his little world."

The manner of man he was and something of the great work Mr. Jackman accomplished is revealed in an article written by Mr. Orville T. Bright, for many years superintendent of Cook County (Ill.) schools, an intimate friend of long standing:

"Rarely has the educational world been so startled as on Monday morning, January 28, 1907, when without warning of any kind came the news that Wilbur S. Jackman was dead. He had been actively engaged in his work during the preceding week, and on Saturday even-

ing was at a social gathering with the students of the School of Education until late in the evening. He seemed to rest well Saturday night, but early Sunday morning symptoms of the dread disease, pneumonia, began to show themselves, although it was late in the afternoon before his physician realized the serious condition Mr. Jackman was in. Even on Monday morning, Mrs. Jackman could not believe there was any serious danger, but at 8 o'clock, almost without warning and without struggle, his life slipped away. A private funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home, and a public memorial service, on Wednesday morning in Mandel Hall, which was crowded to the utmost with members of the faculty and students. The body was taken to his boyhood home in Pennsylvania for burial. I have heard him wish that he might die 'in the harness,' and this wish was literally filled."

He was graduated from the normal school at about twenty years of age, and afterward taught there one year. After this year's experience, Mr. Jackman went to Mendville College for three years, and then to Harvard for two years, being graduated in 1884 in the general course. On his way home after graduation he stopped at Pittsburg at the time that Superintendent Luckey had charge of the schools, and before leaving the city had engaged to teach natural science in the high school. He remained in the position for five years, and during that time had worked out a plan for nature-study in the elementary schools. Here Col. Parker found him in 1889.

While he was in the high school at Pittsburg, it was the custom of the principal to place thirty or forty young people in charge of each teacher for such personal services as could be rendered from the friendship standpoint. Mr. Jackman asked that the group assigned to him might remain with him for the entire four years. The result was remarkable in the strength of character developed among the students through this personal association. As men and women, these students refer to it today as the strongest and best influence of their lives. I have read some of the letters written by these men and women to Mrs. Jackman since Mr. Jackman's death. The heartfelt acknowledgements of their great debt of gratitude to their old teacher were most affecting, and this gratitude seems only to have strengthened with the years that have passed. They seem to realize fully that it was the wonderful character of the man, more even than what he taught, that had so powerfully influenced their lives. We are glad indeed that Mr. Jackman himself knew of this sentiment of his old pupils.

Mr. Jackman came to Chicago in the fall of 1889. Never shall I forget the elation with which Col. Parker introduced Mr. Jackman and Dr. Giffin to the first gathering of parents at the school that fall. For years he

had been in search of a teacher of natural science who could bring these subjects into rational touch with young lives. As soon as he saw Mr. Jackman at work at Pittsburg, he determined to have him at the Cook County Normal School. That he made no mistake in this selection I need not say to any teacher or pupil who was in the normal school from that time on.

As everybody knows who remembers the Cook County Normal School, the support of the school was very precarious, and its equipment wretchedly inadequate; but Mr. Jackman went at his work with remarkable enthusiasm and courage. No obstacles could daunt him. He took entire charge of the science, including chemistry, and within the next five years had, somehow or other, got into the school a very adequate apparatus, all of which could be, and was, constantly in use. His classes in elementary science, especially in nature studies, were wonderfully successful, and became celebrated throughout the country.

As a teacher, Mr. Jackman was an enthusiast, but a very quiet one. There was no bluster about anything that he ever did. He was a genuine inspiration to his classes, always insisting upon close attention and earnestness on the part of pupils; but at the same time he brought into his work so much of the charm of his personality and the rare sweetness of his disposition as to make these recitation periods the best of the day to all concerned in them. Every one of Mr. Jackman's recitations was a model of its kind. His preparation was ample, and every lesson showed the result of fresh study and thought. Many, many times have I enjoyed his class work, and never have I seen any but clean-cut and effective teaching. His students were responsive—they could not be otherwise. Brightness and effectiveness were the rule of the hour, and this was always so.

Mr. Jackman was a thorough student, but not for the sake of hoarding knowledge. Aside from his love for study, there was always with him the hope that the knowledge acquired might be of service to his pupils. I have never known a teacher, unless it was Col. Parker himself, who seemed so completely to fill a recitation, and yet how to bring out the best results possible from every student present, and make every student feel himself to be a useful factor in the recitation through what he contributed to it. It seems to me that this is great teaching, and I believe that hundreds and thousands of Mr. Jackman's students would subscribe to the same sentiment.

When Col. Parker resigned his position at the Chicago Normal School to organize and take charge of the Institute of Education founded by Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Mr. Jackman, as well as several other members of the faculty, went with him. The north side school could not begin operations for a year, and through the generosity of

Mrs. Blaine several members of the faculty, including Mr. Jackman, were sent abroad for one year's study and travel. Later on this school was merged with the University of Chicago. For about a year and a half before his death, Col. Parker was at the head of the School of Education as it was afterward called at the university. The work was carried on in the temporary building provided for that purpose, pending the completion of the present beautiful building on the Midway. Two and one-half years ago Mr. Jackman was appointed dean of the School of Education, and took complete charge of the elementary school. His work was arduous and sometimes seemed almost beyond his strength, but from the time he took the helm the school prospered beyond any previous record. President Harper expressed the greatest pleasure in the success of Mr. Jackman's work. This success became more marked each year until the school was crowded to the limit. During the present year from seventy-five to one hundred have been on the waiting list all the time. As may be imagined, Mr. Jackman felt greatly elated over his success, and his plans and hopes for the future seemed almost boundless. He said recently: "If I can have just five years, I will show what this school can become."

Mr. Jackman was prodigal of his strength. He was a strong man, but the pace was too fast. He seemed never to rest. The School of Education was quite enough, but he edited the Elementary School Teacher, besides responding to constant calls for educational addresses and other literary work for the cause at large. He was a forcible and convincing speaker and writer. It is doubtful whether any other man in the country has done so much for the cause of rational nature-study and elementary science as Wilbur S. Jackman. He was also intensely interested in all sorts of hand-work available for elementary schools. The School of Education is more noted for these two lines of work than for any other, but only because it is so uncommon to find them effectively carried out. These two departments of education can ill afford the loss of so devoted and enthusiastic an advocate as Mr. Jackman. But the work he has done in them and for them will go on because he did this work so well.

Mr. Jackman believed in Col. Parker heart and soul—rarely have I known a man to love and honor another so much. He generously acknowledged the great influence of Col. Parker over his own aims and attitude toward educational work. To my mind the strongest proof of the correctness of Col. Parker's educational principles was Wilbur S. Jackman himself, who studied and worked in them eighteen years, and never faltered in his faith.

It was my rare good fortune to know Mr. Jackman intimately during all the years he lived in Chicago, and





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to feel the full grasp of his friendship; and never a cloud has cast a shadow over this friendship. He never left a doubt in the minds of those whom he loved and trusted and honored. One can have very few of such friends, because men of his pattern are not plentiful. He was a great teacher, but more than that—he was a noble, generous, loving man. His character was rugged and at need inflexible, but he was gentle as a woman and as full of fun as a boy. Perhaps his early Quaker training had to do with the wonderful evenness and sweetness of his disposition, his grandfather having been a Quaker preacher; but there never was a suggestion of weakness in this disposition. His decisions were remarkable for their quickness and correctness. It goes without saying that he was a great favorite with the faculty of the university, and that he was greatly beloved by all the students in the School of Education.

And we who know him best, how we loved him! His friendship was so pure and so beautiful. Of the old Cook County Normal School coterie, those who stood by in its trials and rejoiced in its triumphs, Col. Parker, Albert Lane and Wilbur S. Jackman have passed on. What a wonderful record they have left of all that is noblest and best in this world! Compared with such lives, how paltry and pitiful seems the mere scramble for dollars! Each of these men has gone just at the height of his usefulness, and when it seemed that he could not possibly be spared. Together with the death of President Harper in the prime of his manhood, does it not all give us pause for thought? We must wonder if it would have made a difference if they could have found time for rest and for play—if they could have known how to rest and play.

But their lives and their work were noble and grand and beautiful. Perhaps they will seem only the more so that they were cut short in the full strength of manhood.

AUGUST VALENTOUR, owner and proprietor of the Bazaar Store, located in his building, at McDonald, is well acquainted with and needs no introduction to the thousands of French-speaking people of this and other French settlements of western Pennsylvania.

He was born in Belgium, January 24, 1860, and is the youngest child of Florent and Ferdinando (Quinet) Valentour. When four years old his parents moved to France. He attended public school until the age of ten, then worked in a glass house until the fall of 1871, when in company with his brothers, Victor, Joseph and Oliver, aged respectively 25, 23, and 20 years, came to Pittsburg, where August began his own independent and eventful career by working in the various glass houses then flourishing in Pittsburg. In the fall of 1874 he joined his brothers, Victor and Joseph, who had settled at Midway,

Allegheny County, and there worked two years in the mines. Then in the spring of 1876, in company with his parents, who had lately arrived, he moved on a farm in Fayette County and engaged in the timber business (which business his father had followed all his life), shipping staves to Belgium.

It was then that August, appreciating the necessity of an English education, applied himself relentlessly during the spare moments after the day's labor, with the sole assistance of a small dictionary, towards mastering the English language sufficiently to be able to cope with the additional duty devolved upon him through this business.

Four years later, having used up all the timber on their farm, his father, in quest of more timber, moved to Mississippi, against the advice of August, who returned to Midway. Then in the fall of 1881 he joined his father in Mississippi and for the two following years worked in the cotton fields and at the timber business.

On July 4, 1883, the sanitary condition of that country not being to his liking, he returned and located in McDonald. He worked in the different mines for about two years, then secured a position in a grocery store in Shadyside, and was then with J. D. Sauters for about five years. Then in 1891 he opened up a clothing store, conducting it until 1902, when he started in his present business.

In July, 1887, Mr. Valentour was married to Miss Mary L. Chambon, a daughter of Louis and Adele (Baguet) Chambon. She died in 1892, leaving two children, Adele F. and Louis F., and in 1896 Mr. Valentour married Miss Marie C. Voyer, a daughter of Joseph and Clemence (Reboul) Voyer. To this second union two children have been born, Marie J. and August F.

In politics Mr. Valentour has always been identified with the Republican party. Is a member of present Council and of numerous French and English speaking fraternal organizations.

His father and mother, sister Mary, brothers Oliver and Victor are deceased. His sister Virginia resides in France and brother Joseph in Jackson, Miss., and brother Theophilus in Kentucky.

HARRY HAMILTON DAVIS, a prominent citizen of Washington, residing at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Chestnut street, has been identified with the oil and gas business ever since its discovery in Washington County. He was born in Washington May 18, 1860, on West Chestnut street, in the house that stood on the site of the present Y. M. C. A. building, a son of Dr. Robert W. Davis. The latter was born on the old Davis homestead on the state road, six miles north of Washington, in 1832. He received his education at the public school and Washington College and graduated at Jefferson Medical College in 1855. He was married in 1855 to Mary

Ann Spriggs and they reared three sons—James S., who died in 1876 in his twentieth year; Harry H. and Robert W., both of Washington. The grandfather, Samuel Davis, was one of the earlier settlers of the county and for many years conducted the Davis Tavern, a well-known roadhouse between Washington and West Middletown.

Harry H. Davis was educated in the public schools of Washington and at Washington and Jefferson College, graduating from the latter institution in the Class of 1882. He devoted one year to the study of medicine, and then went to Warren, Ohio, where he was engaged in business for two years. Then returning to Washington, he served three years as clerk in the county treasurer's office.

In 1887 he became interested in the oil business, and for the past seven years he has been engaged in the gas business, being one of the incorporators of the Greensboro Gas Company, a Pennsylvania corporation supplying natural gas throughout the several counties of Western Pennsylvania. For five years he has been at the head of the land department of this company.

In 1887 Mr. Davis was married to Miss Matilda Reed Wilkinson, of Washington, a daughter of Anthony M. and Margaret Robinson Wilkinson, who were both born in England. Mr. and Mrs. Davis had two children—both now deceased—an infant son, and a daughter, Ma Dessa Lula, who died December 27, 1901, at the age of eleven years. He and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the B. P. O. E., No. 776.

JAMES M. PAXTON, a representative citizen and successful breeder of Holstein registered cattle, resides on his well improved farm of 178 acres situated in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa. He is a member of an old and substantial pioneer family whose interesting history in Washington County dates back to 1782. He was born on a farm adjoining the one he owns, September 9, 1868, and is a son of John G. and Anna (Miller) Paxton.

The Paxtons came to Washington County from York County, the great-grandparents, John and Martha Paxton crossing the valleys and mountains on horseback and locating first in Canton Township. They later came to Chartiers Township and on their homestead their son, Thomas Paxton, was born in 1804. There he was reared and subsequently married Jane Mills, of Jefferson County, Ohio. They had the following children: John G., father of James M.; George Mills, who died at the age of twenty-six years, unmarried; Samuel, who resides in Boone County, Iowa, who married Sarah Edgar; Mattie, deceased in 1884, who was the second wife of H. O. McKnight, of Chartiers Township; Isaac N., a resident of

Chartiers Township, who married Mary McNary, and has two sons; Nancy, who married Thomas McCune, of Hope-dale, Ohio; Mary, who died aged twenty-three years; Thomas M., living on the old homestead, who married Nettie Ross; and Minnie, who married William Zeh, and resides near Monongahela City. The mother of the above mentioned family was born in 1816; both she and husband reached old age and died on the homestead farm.

John G. Paxton, who is one of Chartiers most respected citizens, was born on the old Paxton homestead, August 18, 1836. He devoted his active years to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Paxton is still hale and hearty in appearance and of mental vigor, showing few indications of the passage of time. He was married in April, 1863, to Anna Knox Miller, who was born in Mt. Pleasant Township and died February 22, 1872. Her people were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and her parents were John and Margaret Miller. Four children were born to this marriage: George Grant, who married Miss Mary McNary, daughter of John C. McNary, of Canonsburg; James Miller; Lillie, who married James McPeak, of Carnegie, Pa.; and John Graham, editor of the Kent Courier, of Kent, Ohio, who married Amy Gisenger, of Ohio. John G. Paxton married for his second wife, Ellen, daughter of William Cameron, of South Strabane Township. Of this marriage three children are living, William C., Jennie A. and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Paxton are members of the Houston United Presbyterian Church.

James Miller Paxton attended the Wilson school in Chartiers Township when a boy, later was a student in Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg, and still later attended the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg. He remained on the home farm, engaged actively in farming and stock raising until in February, 1896, when he came to his present property, one which formerly belonged to Andrew Miller and which for ninety years was in the Miller name. In 1904 Mr. Paxton erected his comfortable residence and made other improvements as his agricultural operations increased and his stock industry became a more and more important feature. He ships all his milk to Pittsburg. He has found the Holstein cattle the most satisfactory and has given a large amount of attention to breeding fine specimens, has exhibited at many fairs and expositions, and at the St. Louis Exposition he received five prizes on seven head of his cattle.

In 1892 Mr. Paxton was married to Miss Mary Russell, a daughter of William and Margaret (Thompson) Russell, of Mt. Pleasant Township. The father of Mrs. Paxton died December 26, 1894, at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother died in January, 1892, aged sixty-three years. They were born in Mt. Pleasant Township. The paternal grandfather, Andrew Russell was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, in 1777, and died in 1861. He married Anna McClelland, who died February



17, 1868. The children of Andrew Russell and wife were: James, Alexander, Robert, Andrew, William, John, Eliza, wife of Robert Jeffrey; Jane, wife of Samuel Lee; Ann, and one who married a McCall. The mother of Mrs. Paxton was a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Thompson, who had also three sons. The parents of Mrs. Paxton had children as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Mr. Paxton; Joseph, who died aged thirteen years; Annie, who died March 4, 1881, aged twenty-one years; Maggie, who died November 13, 1881; L. A., who married Mattie Kelso, died March 7, 1908; W. Frank, who married Jennie Galbreath, and resides at Bridgeville, Pa.; and Robert L., proprietor of a hotel at Cadiz, Ohio, who married Maria Wright, of Bridgeville. Several children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton have had the following children: Margaret Ellen, born October 10, 1893; Ralph Russell, born December 17, 1896; Ruth Anna, born March 30, 1901; Mary Emma Jean, born November 9, 1905, who died September 1, 1907; and Lois Amy, born November 14, 1909, who lived only five weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Paxton are members of the Houston National Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

C. J. BUTLER, justice of the peace at Cokeburg, Pa., where he is engaged in the business of brick manufacturing, was born near Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., February 6, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Lavina (Bell) Butler.

The great-grandfather of Judge Butler came from Dunboyne, County Meath, Ireland. His name was Thomas Butler and it is registered among the early residents in Chester County and also on the rolls of the Patriot Army, for he served in the Revolutionary War on the American side, while ten of his brothers and cousins were his comrades.

The grandfather and father of Mr. Butler were farmers and he remained on the farm until old enough to engage in brick manufacturing and worked in yards in several parts of the State. In 1900 he came to Cokeburg and established a brick industry here. He owns property at different points, having three town lots at Marianna, Pa., and two lots at Wabash Park, a new railroad station in Westmoreland County, in addition to his holdings at Cokeburg. He has been an active citizen, taking a hearty interest in all public affairs and is identified with the Republican party. He has served as borough assessor and for several years has been justice of the peace.

On January 6, 1877, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Nora B. Williams, a daughter of Calvin Williams, of Fayette County, and they have had six children, namely: Olive L., who married William Poorman, and lives at New Stanton, Westmoreland County. (By an earlier

marriage to A. M. Gallagher, she had two children—May and William Gallagher); Emma B., who married J. B. Sell, who is in the real estate business at Youngwood, Pa., and has two children; Anna May, who married Dr. W. E. Errett, of New Station, and has one child, Helen Errett; Charles C., who married Bertha Fry, of Greensburg, Pa.; Mary Ethel, who resides at home; and Edith, who died when two years old. Judge Butler is identified with the Masonic fraternity.

WILLIAM MCGREGOR, one of Monongahela City's representative citizens, who, for many years was identified with business interests here, has recently retired from active participation in commercial life and proposes to now enjoy the ease which industry and prudence in earlier life has made possible. He was born on his father's homestead in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., October 4, 1837, and is a son of William and Jane (McCormick) McGregor.

The father of Mr. McGregor was born at Chambersburg, Pa., in 1794, a son of Daniel McGregor, who moved to Washington County in 1800 and settled on Mingo Creek, in Nottingham Township, where he died in advanced age. At that time, 1800, the country was but sparsely settled and the older William McGregor remembered when many Indians came to his father's pioneer farm. He was the oldest of his parents' seven children and he soon became of use to his father, and later operated a tannery on Mingo Creek, together with cultivating a part of the home farm which came to him by inheritance. He married Jane McCormick, who died when their son William was three years old. Their other children were: Margaret, now deceased, who was the wife of Noah Myers, who is also deceased; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Richard McClelland, also deceased; Daniel, who is deceased; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas McDonough, also deceased; Martha; Rachel, who is deceased; and Benjamin Franklin, the youngest.

William McGregor was deprived of his mother in his infancy but he had older sisters who assumed his care, sent him to school in boyhood and in 1858 encouraged him to attend commercial college at Pittsburg. In 1860 he left home and went to Illinois and for three winters taught school in Tazewell County, during the summers engaging in farming. In 1865 he returned to Washington County, Pa., and in September, 1866, he was married to Miss Maria Jane Raimy, a daughter of James Raimy, of Nottingham Township. Mrs. McGregor died in August, 1894. Five children survived her, namely: Nancy; Nora; James R., who married Mary Pollock, has three children—James, Josephine and Campbell; Elizabeth; and William A., who married Mary Mullen and has one son, William.

After his marriage, Mr. McGregor continued his farming operations until 1873, when he moved to Monongahela City and engaged in the shoe business in the King building, later moving to the Swickert building, and still later removing to the Brown building. In 1877 he bought a block on Main street and moved to it in 1878, which continues to be the location of the business. Mr. McGregor then expanded somewhat, adding clothing to his stock of merchandise, and subsequently took his two sons into partnership. They proved capable and reliable business men and in August, 1909, Mr. McGregor turned over his responsibilities to them. His long and prosperous business career had been accomplished along legitimate business lines and at all times he had enjoyed the confidence of the public and the respect of his competitors. Mr. McGregor was one of the organizers of the First National Bank and was a director of the same until July, 1909, when his son, J. R. McGregor, took his place. In politics, Mr. McGregor is a Democrat and in 1888 he was his party's candidate for the State Legislature. He has served in local offices and has been a useful member of the school board.

JOHN S. HUTCHISON, whose well improved farm of 129 acres is situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., two and one-half miles southeast of Hickory, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, April 13, 1861. His parents were Joseph and Lucinda (Cummings) Hutchison.

John S. Hutchison attended the Plum Run district school in Harrison County and then helped on the home farm until he was eighteen years of age and then learned the carpenter's trade. In 1880 he came to Washington County and after marriage settled in Mt. Pleasant Township as a farmer and later at Houston. For four fine modern houses and sold them all. In April, sixteen years he worked all through this section as a carpenter, later becoming also a contractor. He built 1906, he came to his present farm, the coal on which had been sold before he bought the land. There are two gas wells on the place, one of these having been drilled twenty-five years ago. Mr. Hutchison has 120 acres of his land under cultivation, seven acres still timbered and the remainder he devotes to pasturage, keeping 100 sheep. He has greatly improved the property, building a new barn and repairing all other buildings. In politics he is a Democrat and while residing at Houston he served five years as a member of the council.

On December 10, 1885, Mr. Hutchison was married to Esther A. Cowden, a daughter of John and Louisa (Scott) Cowden, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Hutchison was born on the present farm February 16, 1865. She attended "Moore's School," in this vicinity, and later

went to Canonsburg Jefferson Academy. Mr. Codwen's death occurred on the present farm, September 29, 1909, when he was aged eighty-two years, his wife having passed away eleven years previously. They were members of the Venice United Presbyterian Church and their burial was in the cemetery belonging. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison have had three children: John C.; Jennie, who died in 1898; and Joseph, who died in 1893. Both of these children were laid to rest in beautiful Oak Spring Cemetery, at Canonsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Houston.

D. M. DONEHOO, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Washington, who deals extensively in real estate, has been a resident of this city for about forty years, and was born July 6, 1840, in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa. He is a son of William and Rebecca (Wilson) Donehoo, the former a native of Allegheny County, who came to Washington County about 1835, was one of the early cabinet makers and undertakers of Cross Creek Township. William Donehoo was one of the prominent citizens of Cross Creek Township, and in 1860 was census taker for the five northern townships of Washington County. He married Rebecca Wilson, who was born in Allegheny County, and of their union were born four children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Henry W., whose death occurred August 13, 1902, lived on the old homestead at Cross Creek, and carried on the undertaking business established by his father in 1836, and D. M. Donehoo, the subject of this sketch.

D. M. Donehoo was reared in Cross Creek Township and obtained his educational training in the common schools and the Cross Creek Academy, after which he was for some time engaged in farming and undertaking. In the fall of 1869 he was elected prothonotary of Washington and came to this city, where he served three years in that capacity, when he was elected justice of the peace, which position he held continuously for thirty years, and since leaving the office has refused the nomination for same. He has always taken an active interest in politics, and is identified with the Democratic party. He has served eleven years on the Washington school board. Mr. Donehoo belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member of the board of deacons.

Mr. Donehoo was married in 1869 to Agnes McFarland, who was born and reared in Cross Creek Township, and two children were born of their union: Henry A., who died aged twenty-one years, and J. F. Donehoo, one of the leading physicians of Washington.

J. FRANK DONEHOO, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Washington, Pa., whose offices are located



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in the Washington Trust Building, was born June 21, 1869, in the village of Cross Creek, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of D. M. Donehoo, a prominent citizen of Washington. Dr. Donehoo graduated in 1890, with a degree of A. B., from the Washington-Jefferson College, and four years later the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by the same college. In 1893 he graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, after which he was resident physician for the Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh one year. He then spent one year in Europe, studying medicine at Vienna and Berlin, and upon his return to Washington entered upon the practice of his profession, having been associated with Dr. J. Y. Scott since June, 1900. Dr. Donehoo also took a post-graduate course in Polyclinics at Philadelphia. He is a member of the Academy of Medicine of Washington and is also a member of the county and state medical associations and the American Medical Association. Dr. Donehoo was on the medical staff of the Washington Hospital from its organization until 1898, since which time he has been a member of the surgical staff and is surgeon for the Street Railway Company of Washington.

In 1897 Dr. Donehoo was united in marriage with Alice Adams, of Washington, and to them have been born three children: Laura Belle, Alice and Agnes. He is a member and an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the order of Heptasophs.

THOMAS SHAW, a substantial citizen of Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., who resides on the farm on which he has spent a busy and useful life, owns 200 acres of as fine land as may be found in this section for agricultural and grazing purposes. He was born here September 20, 1844, and is a son of John and Sarah (Harsha) Shaw.

The paternal grandfather was Joseph Shaw and he founded the family in Chartiers Township and was the original owner of the land, purchasing it in 1796 when it was mainly covered with native timber. He had three sons and two daughters. One son, William, moved to the West. Another son, James, located in Harrison County, Ohio. Rebecca married a Mr. Johnson and died in Harrison County, Ohio. Jane married a Mr. Sprowl.

John Shaw, father of Thomas Shaw, was born on this farm in 1804, passed his life here and died in 1879, when aged seventy-five years. He was an elder in Cross Roads U. P. Church for quite a number of years. He married Sarah Harsha, whose mother was a McMillen, and to them were born thirteen children, some of whom died when small. William D., one of the older sons, has resided in Adams County, Iowa, for thirty-five years and there owns some 700 acres of land. During the Civil War he was a soldier and served in Co. A, 85th Pa. Vol.

Inf. Joseph resides at New Concord, Ohio, and he also was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of Co. A, 85th Pa. Vol. Inf., and never for any cause was absent from his post of duty during his term of enlistment. He married Helen, a daughter of Ebenezer McBurney. James was the third son to enter the service during the Civil War and he served three years as a member of Co. B, 1st W. Va. Cav., and became a veteran. He was twice married, first to Mary Boyce and second to a Miss St. Clair. Theodore went to the West in early manhood and is a prominent physician of Denver, Col. He also has served in the Colorado Legislature. Sarah Jane, now deceased, was the wife of J. L. Henderson. Harriet S., also deceased, was the wife of D. W. Beddow. John died in early manhood and Harrison, who was younger than Thomas, died in boyhood.

Thomas Shaw received the usual country school education in his boyhood and when his older brothers went into the army and later made homes for themselves in the West, a large part of the farm work fell on him and he has always remained on the old place. He still carries on general farming and stock raising and has a large herd of registered and graded cattle but no longer engages as formerly in the extensive breeding of registered Holstein cattle, Shropshire sheep and Chester White hogs. He has a dairy business and supplies the Arden mines with milk, as he has done for the past five years.

Mr. Shaw was married (first) in November, 1876, to Miss Hallie Grounds. She died June 24, 1879. Mr. Shaw was married (second) March 16, 1881, to Miss Jennie Agnew, a daughter of E. J. Agnew, of Mt. Pleasant Township. Mr. Shaw has four children: W. L., who lives at home, being unmarried; Sarah Ann Gertrude, who is the wife of Paul C. Tarr, of Turtle Creek, and has one surviving child, Paul C.; Frank A., who is engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Waynesburg, Pa., and Elizabeth Edna, who is a teacher at the Arden mine school and resides at home.

Mr. Shaw was taught from boyhood to believe in the justness of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member and for some years has been an elder in the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT CAMPBELL McILVAIN, a retired farmer and stock raiser of Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., who resides in the old home place in which he was born, November 8, 1827, recently divided his estate of 400 acres of farming land among his children. His parents were Greer and Jane (Campbell) McIlvain.

The McIlvain and Campbell families originated in Scotland. The grandfather, Greer McIlvain, came to Washington County from Cumberland County at an early day and his son, who bore his name, was born in Somerset Township, October 11, 1793. The second Greer

McIlvain purchased the farm on which his son, Robert C. McIlvain lives, in 1826, and resides here until his death, June 6, 1889. He married Jane Campbell, who was born in Franklin County, Pa., and was brought to Washington County by her father, Robert Campbell, in girlhood. Her death occurred September 18, 1871.

Robert Campbell McIlvain was reared on the present farm and has practically spent his life here, always retaining it as his home. In early manhood he passed one winter in Illinois, and during the winter of 1904-5 he and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Woods, in her home in the State of California. His interests for many years were mainly agricultural and he was a successful farmer and stock raiser.

On December 5, 1861, Mr. McIlvain was married to Miss Sarah L. Sloan, who was born at West Middletown, Pa. Her parents were Rev. James and Sarah (Lindsay) Sloan. For eighteen years her father was pastor of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church. He and his second wife died at Monongahela City, but the mother of Mrs. McIlvain died at West Middletown when she was a babe. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain came to the present farm and here their six children were born: Ella, who is the wife of Rev. J. C. Meehlin, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, resides at Fredericksburg, Ohio; William Lindsay, who lives on a part of the old farm; Gertrude, who is the wife of Dr. Edward H. Wood, lives in California; Elmer, who resides at Monongahela City; and two died in infancy—Margaret Jane, aged two years, and James Greer, aged but six months. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain are members of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for many years. Formerly Mr. McIlvain was active in township matters and always was interested in the public schools. For twenty-six years he served as a school director in the Union Independent school district and for twenty-five of these was secretary of the school board. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvain are among the best known people of this section and they enjoy the esteem of all.

JOHN P. WHITE, a prominent citizen of Mt. Pleasant Township, successfully operating his valuable farm of 128 acres, situated two and one-half miles west of Hickory, Pa., was born in Cane Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., March 1853, and is a son of James M. and Elizabeth A. (Hughes) White.

James M. White was born in Hopewell Township, Washington County, near Buffalo, in 1822, and attended Buffalo Academy, and after his marriage settled on the farm now owned by his son, John P. White where he continued to live until his death, in 1866, with the exception of one year. In politics he was a Republican but he took no very active part in public matters. He

married Elizabeth A. Hughes, who was a daughter of James Hughes. She survived him for many years, dying in 1899, and both were buried in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery, of which church they worthy members. They had six children: William H., John P., Martha, James G., Edward S. and Albert R.

John P. White attended school in Mt. Pleasant Township and taught school in the same township for one winter, afterward taking up farm duties and has been interested in agricultural pursuits ever since. He has also been an active citizen and has served long and usefully in important township offices. For ten years he served as a justice of the peace, in Mt. Pleasant Township, for six years was auditor and for the same length of time served as a member of the school board. His public duties have always been performed faithfully and with the general welfare of all concerned kept in view.

On March 12, 1885, Mr. White was married to Miss Mary A. McCalmont, who died in 1898, and was interred at Mt. Prospect. Her father was John McCalmont. Three children survive her, namely: Mary Elizabeth; James McCalmont and John T. Mr. White married secondly in 1900, Miss Mary Ann Miller, a daughter of John H. Miller, and they have four children: Edward, Clare, Elizabeth and Rowland.

Following his first marriage, Mr. White resided on a farm in Hopewell Township for two years and then purchased his present farm, the old Hughes place, it having been in possession of the Hughes for 102 years without any deed of conveyance. This property in all probability still holds deposits of coal, oil and gas, Mr. White never having tests made for either. He has improved the farm considerably and has a valuable property and an exceedingly comfortable residence. He is an elder in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

JAMES S. ARTHUR, Jr., a representative citizen of Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on the old homestead farm of 104 acres, November 17, 1872, and is a son of James S. and Sarah Jane (Palmer) Arthur.

The grandparents were William and Elizabeth Arthur, on the paternal side, and David Palmer was the maternal grandfather. The children of David Palmer were: Thompson, Sarah Jane, Morrison, Elizabeth and Marjorie. Mrs. Sarah Jane Arthur still survives, being now in her sixty-seventh year.

To James S. and Sarah Jane Arthur the following children were born: Ida, who resides at Washington, Pa.; William, who was born January 26, 1866, and died January 23, 1910 (never married, but passed his life on the homestead engaged in farming. His burial was in the Washington Cemetery); Elizabeth, who died in July, 1904, at the age of thirty-seven years (was the wife of





MRS. HERVEY McMURRAY



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Preston Ketering, of Cadiz, Ohio, and had children—Earl, Lillian, Preston and Sarah, all of whom reside in Ohio); Margaret, wife of George Wolf, who has one surviving child, Arthur Wolf, and resides on the William Smith farm in South Strabane Township; James S., our subject; David Clarence, born in 1874, who resides at home; and George Lawrence, born in June, 1880, who married Mrs. William Uhler, a daughter of William and Catherine Mounts, and has two children, Clinton and Olive, George now being in the employ of the Meadowslands Coal Company.

James S. Arthur, Sr., was also born and spent his entire life on this farm, his death occurring August 2, 1909. When aged seventy-six years. This property has always been in the Arthur name, having come into the possession of the late James Arthur at the death of an uncle, James Arthur, who died here in 1857. Mr. Arthur left two farms at the time of his death—one of 104 acres on which his widow resides, another of 142 acres on which James, the subject of this sketch, resides, besides property in Hickory and Meadowslands, and a valuable tract of coal in Chartiers Township, where mines have been opened and operated by Mr. Arthur and his sons for many years.

James S. Arthur, Jr., the direct subject of this notice, obtained his education in the McClain school, and has been engaged in general farming and stock raising ever since he reached man's estate. He has large dairy interests and owns some thoroughbred Jersey and Holstein cattle.

Mr. Arthur married Miss Claudia R. Mounts, a daughter of William and Catherine Mounts, of South Strabane Township, and five children have been born to them: Clyde C. (deceased), Glenn Neill, Clifford James, Clark (deceased), and Lillian Catherine. Mr. Arthur and family are members of the Honston United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican but his business interests are too large to permit his giving proper attention to public office, and when his fellow citizens elected him assessor, he was obliged to resign before the close of his official term.

The McMURRAY BROTHERS, of Peters Township, Washington County, are descendants of James and Isabella (Ballentine) McMurray, who were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, and came to Allegheny County, Pa., in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The founder of the branch of the family in Peters Township was Hervey McMurray, a son of this couple, who was born in Allegheny County in 1829. He married Emily Mouck December 13, 1855, and in the following year purchased 300 acres of land on Brush Run, Peters Township, known as the "Mesopotamia tract," where he engaged in farming. In 1865 he purchased the grist

mill on Brush Run, which has since been known as McMurray's mill. This mill originally stood on the opposite bank of Brush Run from the present mill and was built by William Arthurs, who first operated it as a wooden mill, using water power. Subsequently it was changed to a grist and saw mill and operated by both steam and water power. The mill was destroyed by fire May 23, 1866, and was replaced by a small chopping mill and a saw mill until 1880, when Mr. McMurray built the present roller mill, which is operated by steam and has a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day. In 1888 he took into the mill business with him his two sons, John A. and William J., and since the death of the father, in 1902, they have been sole owners and managers. Hervey McMurray was a man prominent in the public affairs of the township, although he never held public office other than school director. He was instrumental in having a postoffice established at the mill, known as McMurrays' postoffice, and was the first postmaster. During the Civil War he took an active part in raising the quota of money for drafts in Peters Township, and so managed affairs that Peters Township raised the amount without incurring a debt. Mr. McMurray died September 20, 1902, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died December 5, 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. They reared a family of nine children.

James H. McMurray, born in 1857, entered the mercantile business at McMurrays in 1879, and was postmaster for twenty-one years preceding the establishing of the rural free delivery in 1902, when the office was discontinued. He was elected justice of the peace in 1907 and is the present incumbent of that office. He was one of the organizers and is the president of the McMurray Telephone Company, and president of the Excelsior Oil and Gas Company, a corporation owned and controlled by the five McMurray brothers. The company has five producing wells on the McMurray tract. He married Sadie M. McCabe, a daughter of Joseph McCabe, on November 12, 1885, and they have had three children: Laura B., Joseph, and Walter E., deceased.

John A., the second son of Harvey McMurray, was born in 1861 and engaged in farming until 1888, when he went into the mill with his brother, William J., and his father. Since the death of the father the business has been run under the name of McMurray Brothers. John A. McMurray never married and resides with his brother, Harvey B., in the old home. He is a director in the McMurray Telephone Company, and in the Excelsior Oil and Gas Company, and has filled the office of township clerk.

William J., the third son of Harvey McMurray, was born September 28, 1865. He married Sarah Caldwell, a daughter of William Caldwell of Cannonsburg, formerly of Allegheny County, on December 15, 1893, and they

have three children, namely: Elizabeth Caroline, Mary Emily, and Martha Caldwell.

Harvey B., the fourth son, has never married and resides on the old homestead.

Charles R. McMurray, the youngest son, married Mary E. McNary, of Peters Township, and resides at McMurray. The daughters of Harvey McMurray are: Belle M., who is the widow of G. M. Hill, whose death occurred October 2, 1909; Margaret J., who is the wife of C. G. Matthews; Emma L., who married O. A. Johnston; and Carrie, who married J. H. Fife. Politically the McMurray men are Democrats, and the family are members of the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS H. SUTHERLAND, who is engaged in a general real estate and fire insurance business at Washington, of which place he is a representative citizen in the best sense of the term, was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of James, a grandson of Isaac, and a great-grandson of George Sutherland, whose father, John Sutherland, emigrated from Scotland in 1772.

The Sutherlands trace an unbroken ancestry back to some of the famous clans of the Scotch Highlands. The founder of the family in America was John Sutherland, who was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and came to the colonies in 1772, residing in Maryland until 1786, in which year he came to Washington County. During his period of residence in Maryland he was an overseer on a plantation and it is said of him that he never once used a lash on the 200 slaves under his charge. Isaac Sutherland, grandfather of Thomas H., was born in Washington County.

James Sutherland, father of the subject of this sketch, with whom he makes his home, being now of advanced age, was born in 1831, in Canonsburg, Washington County, Pa. He is well and favorably known all over the county. He married Mary Hutchison, a member of another old and representative family of the county.

Thomas H. Sutherland was educated in the public schools of East and West Finley Township, in those of the borough of Claysville and in the Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pa. For some ten years subsequent Mr. Sutherland was engaged in teaching school, in which occupation he achieved a distinct success, being well fitted, for the work both naturally and by training. He was teacher for a while in the advanced room of the Claysville high school, spent two terms as principal of the Houston schools and was the first principal of the South Canonsburg public school. The proffer of a lucrative government position took him to Washington, D. C., where he was occupied until 1902, when he came to Washington, Pa., and entered into his

present line of business. He handles city and suburban residence property, besides farming lands and also represents a number of the leading fire insurance companies.

On December 27, 1900, Mr. Sutherland united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Shaw, who was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County. They have two sons, Donald and Alvan, and a daughter, Mary Helen. In 1884, Mr. Sutherland became a member of the United Presbyterian Church and he is active in church and Sunday school work. He has never been very actively interested in politics.

JOHN B. SCHAFER, vice-president of the Charleroi Merchants' Association, and a manufacturing jeweler, located at No. 515 McKean avenue, Charleroi, Washington County, Pa., has been in the jewelry line at this place since the summer of 1898. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., November 14, 1868, a son of George and Elizabeth Schaffer.

Mr. Schaffer was reared at Pittsburgh and after leaving school learned the jewelry trade which he followed in that city until 1898, when he came to Charleroi. He erected the fine two-story brick business block in which he has his store, and he and family occupy the second floor as a residence, it being equipped with modern comforts and conveniences. It is a very attractive structure and has a frontage of twenty-two feet on McKean avenue, and a depth of 100 feet. The reasons why many people visit Charleroi to shop instead of going to Pittsburgh is found in the existence of such establishments as Mr. Schaffer's that have given the town its excellent reputation through western Pennsylvania. He carries a very large stock which includes everything to be found in an up-to-date jewelry store in the large cities. He understands also how to advantageously display his goods and has made his store one of the show places of the town. His arrangement of jewelry, cut glass, vases, diamonds, watches, clocks and silverware, is very pleasing. He does a large amount of manufacturing, mainly for his own retail trade and is very happy in his special designs, of which he makes a specialty. He employs expert workmen and has five assistants, two of whom are salesladies acquainted with the trade. He also conducts a large repair department and employs only well qualified people for that branch of the business.

Mr. Schaffer married Miss Della E. Kline and they have five children: Anna, John, Isabel, Bernard and Florence. With his family he belongs to St. Jerome Catholic Church at Charleroi. Although a very busy business man, he neglects neither his civic or social duties, always being ready to do his duty as a citizen and is identified with numerous fraternal organizations. These include the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., the Royal





GEORGE DELL McNUTT

Arcanum, and the Elks. He is a man of charitable impulses and his benefactions to worthy objects are frequent but unostentatious.

JAMES MORGAN CRAWFORD, one of Canonsburg's respected retired citizens, and a veteran of the great Civil War, was born on the Morganza tract, in Washington County, Pa., November 18, 1830, and is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Quivey) Crawford.

Benjamin Crawford was born in Washington County in 1801 and died on his farm near Linden, in North Strabane Township, in advanced age. He married Elizabeth Quivey, who was a daughter of one of the old settlers of Washington County, Daniel Quivey. She was born February 29, 1806, and died in North Strabane Township. They had four sons and four daughters born to them, namely: Daniel Quivey, James M., Margaret, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Nancy, Maria and John. Of the above family, Daniel Quivey Crawford married Jane Chubbie, and they had three daughters and two sons: Bathsheba, who did no marry; Joseph Morgan, who died aged two years; Una Dellena, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Daniel Q., who is a lumber merchant residing on Main street, Canonsburg; and Lou Jane, who is the wife of John C. Rodgers and resides at Canonsburg. Margaret, who is now deceased, was the wife of Samuel Phillips. Elizabeth, who resides in North Strabane Township, is the widow of William Burton. They had one daughter, now deceased, who was the wife of Frank Gamble. Benjamin, who died at Gastonville, married Caroline Cochran and left one son, William. Nancy married L. Henry and they reside near Finleyville. Maria died when aged four years. John Crawford, residing near Bover Hill, married Mary Jane Caspeper, and they had five sons and one daughter—William, who is now deceased; Clarence, who married Alice Withrow; Harry; Elmer; Everett, and Mamie, who married Jacob Rothhaar.

James Morgan Crawford was one year old when his parents moved to North Strabane Township and there he spent the greater part of his life, having resided in his present home, in Canonsburg, for the past four years. He occupied himself in youth and early manhood on the home farm, but when the Civil War broke out he determined to enter the army, and on September 6, 1862, enlisted in Co. D, 22nd Pa. Cav., known as the famous Ringgold Battery. For three years he endured the hardships of a soldier's life, facing almost constant danger, as he was detailed as a scout. He participated in some great battles, including Gettysburg, and was honorably discharged and mustered out on May 27, 1865. He is a valued member of Sergt. Thomas Paxton Post, G. A. R., at Canonsburg.

At the close of his military service Mr. Crawford entered the employ of a general farmer in Lee County, Iowa. He remained there for about eleven years and then returned to Washington County, his western employer having become a bankrupt, which caused Mr. Crawford to lose several thousand dollars. He again worked as a farmer in his native county but finally retired to Canonsburg. He has witnessed many changes here in his lifetime and can recall a period when there were but two houses in what is now South Canonsburg. He has cast his vote with the Republican party ever since 1862.

GEORGE DELL McNUTT, cashier of the First National Bank of Canonsburg, Pa., and a business man well known in this part of the country, was born in Chartiers Township, near Houston, Pa., and is a son of William A. and Nancy (Weaver) McNutt. The subject of this sketch comes from an old family. His grandfather on his father's side of the house, William McNutt, came from Ireland at the age of thirteen years, and his grandmother, Rachel, from Wales, at the age of seven, locating in Chester County, near Philadelphia, Pa. The grandparents on his father's side were John and Mary Weaver. The former came from Chester County to Canonsburg in 1800, and in 1801 married Mary McMillan, daughter of Dr. John McMillan, of Jefferson Log College fame.

William A. McNutt, his father, came to this county when a boy of seven years with his parents, they settling in Chartiers Township. He was born in 1822 and died in 1881, at the age of fifty-nine years, having spent his life on the farm. The family of which he was a member numbered besides himself, the following children: John D., who graduated at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, in the Class of '56, now a resident of Boulder, Col.; James, who after residing a number of years in Missouri, died in that State; Catherine D., a resident of Boulder, Cal.; Rachel, now deceased, who was the wife of James Irvin, of Missouri; Sophia wife of Richard Morris, of Missouri, and Elizabeth, wife of Price Cornwell, of Ohio. William A. McNutt, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a resident of Hope-well Township, this county, at the time of his death.

His wife, Nancy, was a daughter of John Weaver, and was born in Canonsburg and died in 1893 at the age of seventy years. The following were her brothers and sisters: Dr. John B. Weaver, who for many years practiced medicine in Canonsburg and died in that city; Thomas, who lived and died in Cecil Township; Samuel, who died in Canonsburg; Jane Jeffrey, who was a resident of Ohio at the time of her death; Mrs. Catherine White, whose life was passed chiefly in Illinois, where she, too, died; Margaret Perry, wife of John Perry, who

died in Missouri; and Polly, wife of Wilson Lesnett, of Bridgeville, now deceased.

William A. and Nancy (Weaver) McNutt were the parents of the following children: John, who enlisted during the Civil War in Co. G, 140th Pa. Vol., was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg and died the following day, and whose body now rests in the National Cemetery there; William, who died in Chartiers Township, aged twenty-eight years, unmarried; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel H. White, of Cecil Township; Rachel, deceased, who was the wife of John A. Berry, vice president of the First National Bank of Houston, Pa.; Mary, wife of R. A. Manson, of Canonsburg; Joseph K., a resident of Houston, Pa., and cashier of the First National Bank of that place; Catherine, wife of J. Wilbur Munnell, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Canonsburg, Pa. The eldest child of the family, named Mary, died in infancy.

George D. McNutt acquired his early education in District School No. 5 in Chartiers Township and in Houston, Pa., later attending school in Mt. Pleasant Township. He then took a course in Duff's Business College, Pittsburg. After leaving the business college, or about 1885, he accepted a position in the shoe store of J. W. Hiles, remaining six months, and at the end of that time became bookkeeper in the Canonsburg Bank Limited, and in 1890 was elected cashier of same. On the organization of the First National Bank in the following year, he became its cashier, which position he has filled acceptably up to the present time. He is also a director in the First National Bank of Houston, Pa., and the Canonsburg Steel & Iron Works, and is treasurer of the Cecil Improvement Company. He was for some time a director in the Standard Tin Plate Company until that company changed hands. Since 1890 he has taken an active part in the development of Canonsburg, and his labors in this direction have been productive of lasting results.

Mr. McNutt was married in July, 1890, to Miss Alice R. Fife, a daughter of John and Mary (Adams) Fife, of Canonsburg, who was formerly from Allegheny County. Mrs. McNutt's parents both died in Canonsburg. She received her education in Allegheny County and in Canonsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. McNutt are the parents of three children, viz.: Nancy Olive, John William and Mary Adams, all of whom are attending school. The eldest daughter will graduate from the Canonsburg High School in the Class of 1910.

The subject of this sketch and his wife are both members of the First Presbyterian Church, he being also a member of the Session and of the board of trustees. He is a Republican in politics and has served the town as school director for six years, and is now treasurer of

the school board. The family residence is at No. 224 West Pike street, Canonsburg, Pa.

**JOSEPH KAMMERER**, postmaster at Kammerer, Washington County, Pa., and proprietor of a general store and also of flour mills at this point, also owns a farm of 225 acres in Nottingham Township near Kammerer and a second farm situated near Mingo, Pa. Mr. Kammerer is a member of an old and important family of this section and the family name has been given to the town of Kammerer and to many of the most flourishing industries of the place. Joseph Kammerer was born in his present home, May 20, 1835, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Bender) Kammerer.

John Kammerer was born in Germany, in October, 1789, and died at Kammerer, Pa., July 24, 1856. He was a mechanic, millwright and carpenter, and as an expert workman was sent to America by the German government. He came to the United States with the expectation of completing his required task in two years and of then returning to his native land. Subsequent events following his locating in Baltimore, Md., caused him, however, to decide to remain in America. He later reached Pittsburg, went from there to Wheeling, W. Va., and later to Washington, Pa., and assisted in the work on the old National Turnpike Road. In the course of years he became a man of large consequence in this section and through his enterprise started industries which resulted in the rapid settlement of the section in which the larger part of his life was spent. He had left in Germany his wife and six children. In 1833 they came to America, landing at Baltimore, after a sixty-days journey on board a sailing vessel. From Baltimore Mrs. Kammerer worked her way on with her children until she reached Kammerer and rejoined her husband.

In 1831 John Kammerer started the Kammerer general store, in which his son, Joseph Kammerer first became a clerk and later the owner and still continues proprietor. In 1831 he, John, built the Kammerer Hotel, and this building still stands, a few hundred yards east of the store building, which he built in 1839. He operated the hotel until 1856. From that time until 1873 it was run by Joseph Kammerer, son of John Kammerer, who in 1872 was appointed postmaster of Kammerer postoffice, and who is still holding that office. In 1846 John Kammerer built a mill which was burned in 1849. On the same site he erected the mill which is now standing, in 1849-50. It is built of stone with tile roof, and its original dimensions were thirty-five by forty-five feet, with boiler house sixteen by forty-five feet. Additions have been made to accommodate increasing trade and its present owner has installed new machinery five times since taking charge. It is now a strictly modern plant with Nordyke & Marmon machinery, with

rolls for ten breaks and six reductions, Nordyke & Mamon sifter, George T. Smith purifiers, low grade reel, redresser and three-high Monitor feed mill. Of the nine mills that in 1849-50 were located on Pigeon Creek and the seven on Mingo Creek and the 100-barrel mill at Monongahela, all have disappeared, leaving the Kammerer mill the only one within a radius of ten miles of the village of Kammerer. It is located on the turnpike road about eight miles west of Monongahela City, this road being the boundary line between Somerset and Nottingham Townships, the village lying partly in both.

John Kammerer was first married in Germany, to Margaret G. Tigr, who died in that country in 1830. The children born to that marriage were as follows: Mary Ann, born December 16, 1821; Barbara, born August 11, 1823; John, born May 20, 1825, died in 1849; and Martin, born June 8, 1827, who died June 24, 1890.

John Kammerer married for his second wife Elizabeth Bender, who was born July 21, 1800, and died May 10, 1859. The children of the second marriage were the following: John, born July 17, 1831, died October 20, 1887; Joseph, born May 20, 1835; Elizabeth, born February 28, 1837; Jacob, born November 22, 1838, died July 27, 1839; William Sebastian, born February 23, 1843; and Franklin Gregor, born February 24, 1845. Four children of John Kammerer are living, namely: Joseph, Elizabeth, William Sebastian and Franklin Gregor, the two last named being residents of Chicago, Ill.

Joseph Kammerer has been a life-long resident of Kammerer. In 1852 he entered his father's store and it has been under his management ever since. He bought his first stock of goods in that year, in Philadelphia. The store at the present writing is one well stocked with up-to-date merchandise of all kinds and Mr. Kammerer deals also in all kinds of implements, grain and produce, groceries, boots and shoes, in fact provides for all the reasonable demands of the whole surrounding section. A late improvement introduced into his mill equipment is a Bessemer gas engine. This mill makes a market for all the wheat grown in this section of the county. Its main brand of flour, the "Ocean Spray," was put on the market in 1860 and still is in constant demand, it being estimated that thousands of families in this part of the State have used it for almost the half century.

Joseph Kammerer was also a manufacturer of Monongahela Pure Rye Whiskey from 1859 to 1897. In the year of the June frost (1859), seeing that there would not be any wheat in this section to grind, he bought wheat in St. Louis, Mo., which cost, f. o. b. wharf boat at Monongahela, Pa., \$2.75 per bushel. Flour sold at \$17.00 to \$20.00 per barrel. In this same year he bought a small second-hand distillery and placed it in the basement of his flour mill. This was only a ten-bushel house. He ran this for about two years, when he built

a separate building and increased the capacity to twenty bushels. Not having sufficient water to run the flour mill and distillery, he, in 1882, bought a piece of property on Mingo Creek and removed his distillery to this property and increased the capacity to thirty bushels. After 1862 an internal revenue officer was placed here, and the distillery and bonded warehouse was in charge of an officer from that date forward for over forty years. Kammerer Pure Monongahela Rye Whiskey had a wide reputation for fine quality, and was sold and shipped to almost every State east of the Mississippi for medicinal purposes. This distillery was burned down on June 26, 1897, being a total loss, but the bond house in which was stored 11,000 gallons of whiskey was not destroyed. He never rebuilt the distillery, but continued to supply his customers until his stock was exhausted, and then went out of the liquor business.

Joseph Kammerer married, April 6, 1860, Miss Lucinda Howdin, and they had five children born to them: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Jacob Hough; Margaret, who is the widow of Edward Long, and assists her father in the store; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; James Alvin; and Annie Barbara, who is the wife of Addison Morrison. The mother of these children died in 1895, and Mr. Kammerer married for his second wife, Mrs. Annie Gamble, widow of John Gamble.

O. K. TAYLOR, JR., C. E., who fills the position of city engineer at Washington, Pa., of which place he has been a resident for six years, was born of Quaker parentage, in West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., in December, 1868, on the farm known as "Rosedale," which was once the home of the eminent civil engineer, Jonathan Knight. Mr. Taylor's father, O. K. Taylor, was born September, 1829, in West Pike Run Township, where his father, Samuel Taylor, had settled at an earlier day. Over forty years ago O. K. Taylor organized the Deposit and Discount Bank, now the National Deposit Bank of Brownsville, Pa., which bank now stands on the roll of honor of national banks, as second in the United States, second in the county, and first in the town of Brownsville. The mother of O. K. Taylor, Jr., was Carolina Virginia Taylor, nee Moore, a daughter of Nicolas Moore, who was a prominent civil engineer, of Chester County, Pa., and Mary Elizabeth Moore, nee Mendenhall, on whose father's homestead the battle of Brandywine was fought during the war.

O. K. Taylor, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Centerville, the graded schools of Brownsville, and Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. He took up civil engineering as a profession, and for the past five years has been engineer for the Washington Borough. Previous to coming to Washington he was borough engineer

of Canonsburg and has held various other responsible positions with railroads and coal mining companies, such as principal assistant chief engineer People's Coal Co.; principal assistant chief masonry inspector, P. T. & W. R. R. Co. (Wabash); first assistant to engineer branch lines, Penna. R. R. Co.—M. R. C. & C. Co.; B. & O. R. R. Co.; engineer and assistant engineer in other places and towns.

Mr. Taylor was married in January, 1901, to Miss Roxana Rist Whitsett, a daughter of the late Dr. Ralph C. Whitsett, a practicing physician of Scenery Hill, and Emma Whitsett, nee Ross, who was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Ross, of near Lone Pine. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children: Carolina Virginia, Roxana Ogareta. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the First Christian Church at Washington. He is somewhat active in politics and fraternally is identified with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, his college fraternity, the B. P. O. Elks and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

FRANK LE MOYNE ARNOLD, a member of a pioneer family of Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, which was established here in 1803, is one of the leading farmers and stock raisers in this section and, in association with his brother, James G. Arnold, owns the old homestead farm of 240 acres. He was born at Washington, Pa., April 6, 1866, and is a son of Joseph K. and Maria E. (Stewart) Arnold.

Henry Arnold, who was born in Germany in 1790, was the first of the Arnolds to come to Chartiers Township. In 1815 he married Elizabeth McMillan, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, who was then eighteen years of age. Her parents were Robert and Sarah McMillan, of Scotch-Irish descent. Henry Arnold and wife probably went to housekeeping on the McMillan farm in Chartiers Township, as that family had settled in the township in 1803. He became a useful and prominent man, was one of the leading adherents of the Associate Reformed Church, was a progressive and successful farmer and a strong man in the Whig party in this section of the county. He died in 1842. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring in 1879. The children born to Henry and Elizabeth Arnold were as follows:

Levi, born in 1816, married Jane Donaldson, of Canonsburg, and they had ten children, the present survivors being Mary, wife of Dr. Clark, of Pittsburg; John, who married a Miss Smith, of Canonsburg; Etta, wife of Rev. Renix, an evangelist, and Simon and Sadie, of Canonsburg.

Simon Arnold, born in 1817, was married in 1861 to Josephine McMillan, of Cambridge, Ohio. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fortieth Pennsylvania

Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. His wife had died a few weeks previously.

Robert Arnold, born April 21, 1820, was married in 1845 to Rachel Morrow, of Washington County. He was a blacksmith by trade, also conducted a grocery store at Washington for a time, but later moved to Pittsburg and was in business there on the corner of Second and Smithfield streets. Twenty years later he moved to Houston, where he died April 26, 1886. He is survived by a widow and five sons, Henry H., John Morrow, Robert, James S., and William. Of this family James S. and William are living in Pittsburg and John M. in California.

Henry Arnold, who was born February 22, 1822, died in 1844.

Nancy Jane Arnold, born April 17, 1824, married Thomas Wallace and they settled in Knox County, Ohio, where two daughters were born to them—Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Hanna, of Claysville, and Jennie, wife of James L. Lindsey, of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Wallace died in October, 1883.

John Arnold, born March 14, 1826, married Mary Ann Anderson, a native of Virginia. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company B, One Hundred and Fortieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and fought in all the engagements of the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. He returned home, only to find that his wife had died in the meanwhile. He was accidentally killed at Washington, Pa., in 1869, and was survived by five children—John Logan, born in 1853, who died December 25, 1881; Anna (deceased), who was the wife of William White of Chartiers Township; George, a resident of Chartiers Township, who was born December 28, 1857; William, born in 1859, who lives in West Virginia; and Elizabeth, born April 26, 1861, who married Samuel Morgan, of Washington.

Sarah Arnold, born in March, 1828, married William Harsha. They settled first in Ohio, but later moved to McLean County, Illinois, where Mr. Harsha died in 1872. His widow and the following children survived: William H. (residing in Missouri), Maggie, Lizzie, Jennie, Hattie, Simon, Samuel Farley, Wilson, Joseph, and James.

Elizabeth Arnold, born February 12, 1831, married Samuel Farley and died in February, 1864, leaving four children—James, of Boston, Pa.; Sammel (deceased), who married Anna Manifold, the latter now residing at Washington; Elizabeth, who died June 14, 1890, who was the wife of John Manifold; and Esther Ann, who is the wife of D. M. Stewart, of Cross Creek Township. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have three children—Sarah, Elizabeth, and Sammel.

Wilson Arnold was born in Chartiers Township July 27, 1836, on the farm on which Frank Le Moyne Arnold





RESIDENCE OF FRANK LEROYNE ARNOLD, CHARTERS TOWNSHIP

The persons shown in picture are the children of Joseph K. Arnold and their wives and children, except Joseph Julius Arnold and family.)



now lives. He was associated with his brother, Joseph K. Arnold, in farming and stock raising for many years, his farm containing 240 acres of well cultivated land. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church at Houston. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred March 27, 1896.

Joseph K. Arnold, father of Frank Le Moyne Arnold, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1838. He was reared to manhood on the homestead and on June 1, 1864, was married to Maria Stewart, of Cross Creek Township, Washington County, who died December 26, 1872. Three children were born of this marriage: Frank Le Moyne, whose name begins this article; Sadie Belle, born November 29, 1867, who was accidentally drowned on February 10, 1880, in company with two sons of John Allison and John Kerdeck, the children being on their way home from the Allison school; and Simon H., now of Houston, Pa. The last mentioned was born July 29, 1870, and married on August 17, 1892, Nannie W. Berry, of North Strabane Township. She was born December 23, 1872, in Washington, Pa., where they resided on a farm until February, 1895, when Mr. Arnold opened a hardware and general store in Houston, in the operation of which he is still engaged. To them have been born the following children: Clair Wilson Arnold, born July 29, 1896; Robert Sprowls Arnold, born April 13, 1899; Lillie Berry Arnold, born November 7, 1902; Frank Lindsay Arnold, born September 20, 1905, and Glenn Lewis Arnold, born February 23, 1907.

On April 29, 1875, Joseph K. Arnold married for his second wife Mary L. Black. She was born at Canonsburg October 2, 1847, and died January 8, 1904. She was a daughter of John E. Black, who was born in 1814 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was married in 1840 to Alice Hanson, of Cecil Township, Washington County. Later he settled at Canonsburg where he became a prominent merchant and banker. He was treasurer of Washington and Jefferson College. He was a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed Church at Canonsburg and was active and useful in public affairs. His death occurred in December, 1868. His widow survived him until the spring of 1904. Joseph K. and Mary (Black) Arnold had the following children: Catherine W., born June 11, 1878, who married Horace E. Chamberlin, a shoe merchant at East Palestine, Ohio; Joseph, born August 21, 1882, who died aged three weeks; James G., born July 24, 1884; and Joseph J., born December 9, 1885, who married June 23, 1904, Miss Fern Smith, of Ada, Hardin County, Ohio, and has one child, Katharine Elizabeth Arnold, born July 23, 1908. Mr. Arnold now holds a position with the Thomas D. Murphy Art Calendar Company, of Red Oak, Iowa. At present he

is stationed in Cincinnati, Ohio. Joseph K. Arnold died January 29, 1904. He was a staunch Democrat all his life and was an equally consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Frank Le Moyne Arnold has lived on the present farm since he was a babe six months old. He attended the Allison School in boyhood, and later spent a year at Jefferson Academy, Canonsburg. He owns 120 acres of land and he and brother, James G., are joint owners of the homestead. Ever since the death of his father Mr. Arnold has been manager of the large estate. The father had been an extensive farmer and stock raiser and the sons have continued these industries, about 100 head of sheep and fifty head of cattle being kept by them. Mr. Frank L. Arnold also owns property in Washington—a building used for wholesale purposes—and has an interest in a brick building and lot in Houston. He has besides a tenth interest in the Alexander Land Company and a tenth interest in the Alexander Brick Company. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

James G. Arnold also owns 110 acres of land and is largely interested in the dairy industry, keeping thirty-four head of milk cows and shipping to Pittsburg. He has a very fine dairy, constructed according to the latest sanitary rules, with cement floors and all recent improvements. Both house and barn are supplied with the purest of water from a deep well drilled on a high elevation, from which the water is pumped into a large cemented reservoir by a gasoline engine, from which every field on the farm can be supplied. The barn is also lighted throughout with gas supplied from the farm. There is also a No. 1 one hundred ton silo and a springhouse with cemented floors, and troughs in close proximity, the silo being at the west gable and the springhouse at the east gable. It is one of the best equipped and most up-to-date barns in the county, as is also his dairy, consisting of thoroughbreds, Holsteins and Jerseys, to the value of about \$1,500. The milk is shipped to Pittsburg by street cars and is loaded at the stop at the homestead, making it very convenient for both freight and passenger traffic. Between Pittsburg, Pa., and Washington, Pa., passenger cars run every hour from 5:30 a. m. till 11:30 p. m., and two freight cars in either direction both morning and evening.

On October 3, 1906, James G. Arnold was married to Miss Lola M. Phillips, a daughter of the late DeKalb Phillips, of Cecil Township, this county. They have two children: George Dickson, born July 5, 1907, and Mary Isabelle, born November 27, 1909.

Upon the old Arnold homestead already described there stands one of the most up-to-date schools to be found in the rural districts, which is the more conven-

ently located from the fact of the street cars stopping at its doors.

EDWIN H. BEAZELL, manager of the Canonsburg plant of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works at Canonsburg, Pa., resides in a beautiful home situated at No. 230 Belmont avenue, one of the most desirable locations in the borough. Mr. Beazell was born at Alliance, Stark County, Ohio, September 27, 1865, and is a son of John S. and Ella (Woodruff) Beazell.

The late John S. Beazell, father of Edwin H., was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and was a son of Benjamin F. and Sarah Beazell. After graduating from the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, John S. Beazell engaged in the practice of law for ten years at Chillicothe, Mo. He saw service during the Civil War, under two of the most distinguished Union leaders, Generals Kilpatrick and Custer. He was a member of the staff of both officers. His death occurred at Saginaw, Mich., in 1897, when aged fifty-nine years. He married Ella Woodruff, who was born at Talmadge, Summit County, Ohio, and now resides at Canonsburg. Her father, Dr. Edwin Woodruff, was born near New Haven, Conn. The family also can trace close relationship to the Fells, one of whom was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. To John S. Beazell and wife two children were born: Edwin S., and a daughter who died aged eighteen months.

Edwin H. Beazell obtained his early education in the public schools and spent one year at the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., later entering Lehigh University, at South Bethlehem, Pa., where he graduated in the class of 1890 as a civil engineer. He then went to the C. B. & Q. Railroad and followed his profession for one year in Wyoming. From there he went to the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Michigan Railroad and remained in the northern part of Michigan until the fall of 1892, when he returned to Pennsylvania. For five years following he was in the employ of the Keystone Bridge Company at Pittsburg, in the drafting and engineering department, during this time residing at Wilkingsburg. In the fall of 1897 he became connected with the Fort Pitt Bridge Works and in the spring of 1899 came to Canonsburg, where he has resided ever since. He has invested in property and is one of the solid, reliable men of the borough.

On October 9, 1899, Mr. Beazell was married to Miss Ida F. Couch, a daughter of Edward J. and Mary J. Couch, of Ridgefield, Conn. She was educated at Hackettstown, N. J., and is a graduate of the Teachers' College of New York City, which is affiliated with Columbia University. Mr. and Mrs. Beazell have one daughter, Margaret C., who was born August 27, 1906. They are members of the Episcopal Church.

B. F. McCURE, dealer in hardware, agricultural implements and vehicles at Burgettstown, Pa., was born at Washington, Washington County, Pa., February 12, 1846, and is a son of Dr. Robert and Eleanor (Ruth) McClure.

Dr. Robert McClure for many years was a successful medical practitioner in Washington County, belonging to the Thompsonian School of Medicine. His death occurred at Washington in 1852. He married Eleanor Ruth, a daughter of John Ruth. She died at Burgettstown in 1872. In religious faith they were members of the Society of Friends. They had seven children of whom two survive: Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Campbell.

B. F. McClure's schooling was limited on account of an early effort toward making a living, to a few winter terms at the old Washington, Günger Hill and West Middletown common schools.

In the Civil War B. F. McClure enlisted February 23, 1864, in Co. A, 100th Pa. Vol. Inf., the famous "Round Head" regiment.

He participated in all the battles of the regiment from the Wilderness to Petersburg, Va. At the battle of the mine explosion after the charge, while on top of the wrecked Confederate fort, he was wounded in the left leg and was disabled from resuming his duties at the front. He was honorably discharged July 24, 1865.

This wound was a complicated one, the ball entering the outer face of the leg just below the knee, coming out at the tendon of the heel, injuring both branches of the sciatic nerve. Gangrene set in, eating to the bone, and the torn tendon, muscles and nerves agglutinated in a knot at the ankle, causing severe strain and pain. The leg gradually gave out and the difficulty from the wound extended, affecting the left side and arm. His vigorous constitution and general good health combined with strong will power enabled him to resist the encroachment of the wound for many years, but the condition growing worse and incurable with the intense suffering will compel him to retire from the firm and abandon business.

At the close of the war he returned to West Middletown and worked, as formerly, as a laborer, teamster and farmer until the spring of 1870. He came to Burgettstown where he engaged in the hardware business. In 1874 Mr. McClure admitted his brother A. C. McClure into partnership and the firm became B. F. McClure & Bro. He has been a man of enterprise and public spirit, and while his own interests have increased in value he has contributed to the advancement of the town by investing in other enterprises and by encouraging general improvements and the location here of outside capital. He is a stockholder and former director in the Guardian Trust Company, of Pittsburg. In politics Mr. McClure is a Republican, but for a number of years an independ-

ent voter. During the administration of President Harrison he was postmaster at Burgettstown, and was a member of the first town council. He belongs to G. A. R. Post, No. 120, at Washington, Pa. Although not identified with any religious body, he has always been a liberal supporter of the different churches.

MORTON BLACK, teller of Alexander & Company Bank, of Monongahela City, with which he has been identified since 1876, has been a life-long resident of this city, and is a son of Marcus and Martha (Morton) Black.

Marcus Black was born in Washington County, Pa., and was a son of Samuel Black, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country at an early period and settled on a tract of 400 acres in Carroll Township, this county. Samuel Black also owned property in Pittsburgh, where he had a ferry boat in operation. He died on his farm in Carroll Township at an advanced age. He was the father of twelve children, of whom Marcus was one. The father of our subject was born and spent his entire life in this part of Pennsylvania. Marcus Black followed farming principally, and came into possession of part of the old home farm, where he died at the age of forty-eight years. He was survived by his widow, Martha Morton Black, a native of Washington County, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction. She died at the age of sixty years at Monongahela City. Five children were born to Marcus and Martha Black; Ella, deceased; Mary, who is the widow of William Boggs; Samuel, deceased; Morton, the subject of this sketch; and Belle, deceased.

Morton Black spent his early boyhood days on the farm and in Monongahela City, where he attended the public schools until fifteen years of age. He then worked for G. G. Keen, a grocer of Monongahela City for five years, after which he clerked one year in the R. C. King drug store, then went to Montana for a short time. He was then employed six years by a wholesale grocery house at St. Joe, Mo., first as a shipping clerk, then for two years as a traveling salesman, and about 1873 returned to Monongahela City, where he was for a time engaged in the real estate business. In 1876 he entered the employ of Alexander & Co., bankers of Monongahela, with whom he has since continued, and has been promoted with the growth of that institution, from clerk to paying teller.

Mr. Black has long been actively interested in the Democratic party and has served as treasurer of Monongahela City, and two terms as school treasurer. He is a director and treasurer of the Bellewood and West Monongahela Natural Gas Company, being a charter member of the same; is present treasurer of the Cemetery Company of Monongahela City, and is fraternally a charter member of the B. P. O. E., of which he has

been treasurer since its organization. He holds membership with the Presbyterian Church.

J. R. McPHERSON, one of Cecil Township's best known men, resides on a farm of 200 acres, which lies four miles north of Canonsburg, on the Pittsburgh and Washington Pike, the ownership of which is equally divided between himself and his brother, William W. McPherson. He was born on the homestead in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., June 17, 1870, and is a son of William B. and Sarah Ann (Park) McPherson, and a grandson of Samuel McPherson.

Samuel McPherson was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1800, and came to the vicinity of Pittsburgh when twelve years of age. He later came to Washington County and on August 21, 1821, married Rebecca Giffin, a daughter of Andrew Giffin. They had children: James, Andrew G., Martha, William B., Robert, and Nancy, who married Jonathan Bebout, of Cecil Township. After marriage Samuel McPherson settled first on a farm situated on the county line, and some years afterward bought and moved to the farm on which he died November 13, 1877. He was buried at Speer Spring Cemetery, near Canonsburg, Pa. His widow survived until May 18, 1879, and her burial was at the same place. They were members of that church, now known as the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. McPherson was the last surviving female charter member of that organization. When Samuel McPherson first moved to the Cecil Township farm, it contained 145 acres, but he gradually added to the acreage and his sons each became possessed of farms of their own. Between 1835 and 1837 he built the mill that is still standing. This was once a busy place, but the old grinding machinery has not been in general use since 1876, although a little corn was ground as late as 1880; all has been removed. Mr. McPherson manufactured flour which he sold in Pittsburgh and Cumberland, and purchased corn with which he fed many hogs, using teams of from six to eight horses to transport these loads. He was a prominent man in his community in every way and he served as justice of the peace for many years.

William B. McPherson, father of J. R. McPherson, was born on the Boyce farm, located on the Allegheny and Washington County line, and here he received a limited education. He spent his entire life on the farm in Cecil Township, where he was extensively engaged in raising sheep, but did not devote his entire time to the farm as he was an extensive wool buyer for more than thirty years, in which business he was very successful. He erected all the present farm buildings with the exception of the barn. His death occurred March 11, 1894, and that of his widow December 8, 1903; both were buried at the Speer Spring Cemetery. Mr. McPherson

was a member and trustee of the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church. For fifteen years he was a director in the First National Bank of Canonsburg, and he was well known and highly respected throughout Cecil Township. He was a Republican and served for some time as school director.

On June 1, 1854, Mr. McPherson was married to Sarah Ann Park, daughter of Gen. John and Martha (Connley) Park, of Cecil Township, and to this union there were born eight children: Sarah, who is single and resides on the homestead farm; Samuel H., who married Anna A. Sturgis; Ada Martha, who married John N. Bell; John P., who is deceased; Nannie Jane, who married J. A. McConnell, of North Strabane Township; Ella R., who married B. K. McConnell, of Cecil Township; William W., who is part owner of the homestead farm; and James R.

James R. McPherson received his educational training in the common schools of Cecil Township, and his life has been spent on the homestead farm. He has not devoted all of his attention to agricultural interests, however, being a stockholder in the National Bank of Canonsburg and a director in the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company. He is a Republican, but has never sought nor cared for public office. Mr. McPherson is a member of the Greenside Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church, of which he was formerly a trustee.

On December 20, 1900, Mr. McPherson was married to Laura B. Fulton, daughter of William Fulton, of North Strabane Township, and they have one child, Helen, who was born March 6, 1905.

WORKMAN HUGHES, JR., recorder of deeds for Washington County, Pa., from January 1, 1879, until January 1, 1885, was for a number of years engaged in the real estate and insurance business in the borough of Washington, where his death occurred May 30, 1900. He was born in Amwell Township, Washington County, and came of an old and prominent family of the county. His parents were Samuel L. and Susan (Workman) Hughes, his grandparents, John and Sarah (Wiley) Hughes, and his paternal great-grandfather was Barnabas Hughes, who was born in Ireland and came to America in 1756, settling in what is now the State of New Jersey. The last named had two sons, William and John.

John Hughes, in 1770, moved to Carlisle, Pa., and after a few years entered the Continental Army under Capt. Hendricks. The company was formed with eight other companies into a battalion in July, 1775, and placed in command of Col. William Thompson. They encamped at Cambridge, August 13, 1775, and in the month of September, his company with others left for Canada under command of Col. Benedict Arnold and took part in the attack upon Quebec. After this expedition John

Hughes was promoted to the rank of captain and remained in the army during the remainder of the war, being present at the battles of Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. At the conclusion of the struggle, in 1786, he married Sarah Wiley and came to Washington County with Timothy Ryan. They purchased large tracts of land on Fish Creek, now in Greene County, patented to them in August, 1786; during the same year Mr. Hughes purchased Ryan's interest. In 1793 he bought land on the north branch of Ten-Mile Creek, where he kept a store for about nine years, and in 1802 he moved to the town of Washington, where he continued in the store business. After several years he returned to his farm in Amwell Township, where his death occurred September 18, 1815. He left six children: Mary Ann, James, Samuel L., Thomas, John and Isabelle.

In March, 1837, Samuel L. Hughes, father of the subject of this record, was married to Susan Workman. He was a prosperous farmer and for seven terms served as justice of the peace in Amwell Township. He died in November, 1880, and was survived by his widow until May, 1885. They had nine children: Ann F. (Van-Kirk), Mary V., James M., Workman, Jr., John W., Elizabeth E., Samuel L., Susan R., and Thomas McK.

Workman Hughes, Jr., was reared on a farm in Amwell Township, near Lone Pine, and in early life taught school for a number of years. He was elected to the office of recorder in November, 1878, and at the expiration of that term was re-elected, being the first honored with that distinction since 1842. With the assistance of his brothers, James M., Samuel L. and Thomas McK. Hughes, he made a complete index to the records of the office. When his term of office expired he entered the real estate and insurance business, and was the representative of the Union Central Life Insurance Company. October 31, 1889, he was married to Miss Hannah B. Wingett, who also is of an old Washington County family. She is a daughter of Silas and Harriet (Mattox) Wingett, who was born and reared on a farm in Morris Township and attended the public school at Prosperity.

Silas Wingett was born in Morris Township in 1840, on the farm which his father Reuben Wingett had purchased and which he, himself, later owned, it being also the birth-place of his children. Reuben Wingett was born in 1804 and was a son of John Wingett, one of the pioneers of the county, whose death occurred in 1849. Reuben married Hannah Saunders, who was born in 1803 and died in 1890. They reared three children: Jane, who died after reaching maturity; Amanda, who married Joseph Thompson and moved to Kansas where both died; and Silas. The last named and his wife lived in Morris Township until about the year of 1893, since which time they have resided in Charleroi. Harriet Mattox was born in 1841 and is a daughter of John and





WILLIAM G. WHITE





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Clara Mattox, of near West Union, Greene County, Pa. John Mattox was born in 1815 and died on the home place in Greene County at the age of forty-five years, being survived many years by his widow, who died at the age of eighty-two. They had the following children: Emeline Alice (White) whose husband was a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Elias, who was shot at the battle of Shiloh and shortly afterward died from the effect of his wounds; George, a soldier in the Civil War, and a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Harriet E. (Wingett); Margaret, widow of Thomas Penn, residing at St. Clairsville; Dr. Oliver Mattox, who is engaged in practice at West Union; and Eliza, wife of T. J. Huffman, of Waynesburg.

Silas and Harriet Wingett were married October 30, 1860, and they became parents of the following: John Newell, a machinist, who married Flora Craft, of Morris Township; Stephen Elias, who married Miss Ella Young, of Greene County; Oliver L., who married Annie Lattimer and after her death, Miss Sophia McPherson, of Sewickley; Hannah B.; Clara J., who married Joseph Ryan, who died in 1897, and later was married to J. C. Lowmutter, of Charleroi; Bertha, wife of William S. Sharpneck, of Charleroi; Harriet E., wife of M. S. Corbett, of Hagerstown, Md.; Isa N., wife of Dr. Muth, of Wilmerding; and Dessie V., wife of Charles Gear, of Charleroi.

Workman, Jr., and Hannah B. Hughes had two children born to them, namely: Susan W., who was born in 1890 and died in 1896; and Howard W. Hughes, who was born in 1891. The latter was graduated from the public and high schools of Charleroi, and in 1907 entered Washington and Jefferson College, being now in his junior year. In 1909, Mrs. Hughes was married to Mr. Adelbert Kightlinger, of Washington, where they reside. Fraternally, Mr. Hughes was a member of the Masonic order and was a Knight Templar. He was a member of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM GRAHAM WHITE, a prosperous agriculturist of Washington County, Pennsylvania, whose fine farm of 200 acres is situated in Cross Creek Township, was born April 22, 1862, in Hopewell Township, and is a son of Samuel D. and Sarah Ann (Dinsmore) White, and a grandson of James and Margaret (Lyle) Dinsmore.

William White, paternal grandfather, was born May 10, 1793, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, his father having moved there from Ireland. He married Jane Reid, born June 3, 1792, and they had eight children: John, who became a dentist at Washington, Pa.; William R., deceased, of Ashland County, Ohio, at that time; Joseph, who lived in Lancaster County; Samuel D., father of William Graham; Mary J., widow of

James Andrews, of Lancaster County; James, who is deceased; Elizabeth (McMillan); and Margaret Isabel, who lives near Canonsburg, is the widow of John Campbell. William White and wife lived their lives in Lancaster County, where she died September 21, 1859. He survived her many years.

Samuel D. White was married to Sarah Ann Dinsmore December 20, 1855, and for a time thereafter lived on the Dinsmore place in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, but soon after went to Lancaster County, where for some two years they lived in Coleraine Township. They then returned to the Dinsmore farm in Cross Creek Township and in the fall of 1861 they moved to Hopewell Township. In 1865, having sold the farm in Hopewell Township, Mr. and Mrs. White returned to the farm in Cross Creek Township and continued to live here until 1903, when Samuel D. White retired, moving then to Cross Creek village, where he died November 14, 1906, the death of his wife having occurred on March 3 previous. They had six children, three of whom grew to maturity and still survive: James D., born April 26, 1860, was married April 23, 1885, to Edda Sauters, and they live in Pittsburg; William Graham, of Cross Creek Township; and John M., who was born December 20, 1868, was married October 22, 1890, to Anna E. Emery, and resides at Canonsburg.

To trace the Dinsmore and Lyle families the investigator has to go far back in the history of different sections of Pennsylvania. James Dinsmore, maternal grandfather of William Graham White, was born in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1803, grew to manhood there, but shortly after his marriage moved to Cross Creek Township and purchased about 395 acres, which is practically all owned by his grandsons, John M. and William G. White. On March 21, 1827, he was married to Margaret Lyle, who was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, April 8, 1805. They had the following children: Jane C., who died unmarried, February 20, 1899; Sarah A., who was the mother of William G. White; and Mary Lyle, who is the widow of Henry G. Graham, of Richland County, Ohio. James Dinsmore resided on this place until his death, April 3, 1870. His widow survived him until her death on May 17, 1898.

The Lyle family was established in Washington County by Robert Lyle, who was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1754, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In 1757 he purchased a farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, and there he and his brothers owned more than 1,000 acres. His father, Robert Lyle, was born in Ireland and left Belfast in the latter part of the year 1741 and landed at New York in the spring of 1742. He settled first near New Brunswick, N. J., and from there moved to Forks

Township, in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1847, just after his marriage to Mary Gilleland. He served on the first grand jury in that county. His death took place December 9, 1765.

Robert Lyle (second) married Sarah Rea, and among their children was Mrs. Dinsmore.

William Graham White received his early education in the district schools, after which he attended Cross Creek High School and Jefferson Academy, leaving the latter institution when eighteen years of age to engage in agricultural pursuits. For eighteen years he followed farming in Smith Township, but for the past six years he has carried on his farm and stock industries on the old home place in Cross Creek Township. He pays considerable attention to Poland China hogs and to Dorset horned and Ramboulette sheep. Mr. White has been very successful in his undertakings and is numbered with the substantial men of this section.

On May 1, 1889, Mr. White was married to Miss Lizzie Alpheretta Lyle, a daughter of James Reed and Sarah (Hartford) Lyle, of Mt. Pleasant Township. James Reed Lyle was born on the farm on which he lives and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Reel) Lyle and a grandson of John and Elizabeth (Hays) Lyle, and a great-grandson of Robert Lyle (first), the ancestry of Mr. and Mrs. White being the same beyond that generation. To Mr. and Mrs. White three children have been born: Mary G., born March 14, 1890; Alvin Dinsmore, born November 10, 1894; and Janet E., born February 9, 1901. Miss Mary G. is a graduate of the Cross Creek High School, where Alvin is yet a student. It is Mr. White's intention to give all his children collegiate advantages.

In political matters Mr. White is an independent Republican. He has served as auditor of Cross Creek Township, and in 1901 was elected assessor, from which office he resigned after serving one term. He is a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. The family is connected with the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

**HON. JOHN KINLEY TENER.** One of the most interesting figures in public life in Pennsylvania at the present time is Hon. John Kinley Tener, member of Congress, representing the Twenty-fourth Congressional District, in the Sixty-first Congress of the United States, and a favorite candidate of the Republican party for nomination for governor of this great commonwealth. He is a man of education, public experience, financial stability and social standing. His home is at Charleroi, Pa., where his business interests are very numerous, but his name is known all over the land and its mention still arouses enthusiasm when whispered in connection with the great American game of baseball, for there are many who easily recall his triumphs on the diamond, and the

days when Pitcher Tener had royal honors accorded him.

John Kinley Tener was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 25, 1863, and is a son of George Evans and Susan (Wallis) Tener. The father was a small farmer in Ireland and after his death, the mother and her ten children emigrated to America, reaching Pittsburg, Pa., in May, 1873. Her death occurred in that city three months later and thus, when a child of nine years, John K. Tener was left an orphan. His education was obtained in the public schools of Pittsburg and before accepting a clerical position with a large business house of that city, he took a commercial course. It was while in the employ of the above firm that he first became interested in athletics as a means of recreation and soon identified himself with a baseball team, in which he soon developed the particular qualities which made him the chosen pitcher of that amateur team of players. Shortly afterward he was offered and accepted the position of pitcher for the Pittsburg baseball organization and during the season enjoyed considerable local reputation for his expertness and technical knowledge of the game. The exercise had proved very beneficial to him physically and he returned to office work in the best of health, accepting a clerkship with the Chartiers Valley Gas Company, of which he was later elected secretary. This concern was absorbed one year later by the Philadelphia Gas Company. In the meanwhile, Mr. Tener's enthusiasm for and interest in baseball had never weakened, nor had the confidence in his powers been forgotten by the magnates then more or less managing the game as a business proposition. He frequently was called to act as pitcher in important games in different parts of the country and in 1888 he was prevailed on and ultimately signed articles with the Chicago National League team and was pitcher until the close of the season of 1889. It was during this season that the Chicago and a team of players from other league clubs, made baseball familiar to nearly every part of the civilized world. Under the management of A. G. Spaulding and the leadership of Captain Anson, the All-American baseball players left Chicago in the fall of 1888 and completed the circuit of the world before they returned. At Sydney, Australia, this organization played the first game of baseball ever witnessed there; it played in front of the Pyramids of Egypt; in the island of Ceylon; then on through Italy, France, England, Ireland and Scotland, nobility as well as the common people growing enthusiastic over the game. To Pitcher Tener much of the attraction of these remarkable performances was due and he found himself a hero both abroad and at home. Whatever commercial, political and social triumphs have later come to him, his supremacy and recognition in the field of athletics can never be questioned or forgotten.

In 1890 Mr. Tener severed his professional relations

with baseball and in 1891 he came to Charleroi, Pa., and first became cashier of the First National Bank of this place and in February, 1898, was elected president of this institution, at the head of which he has continued ever since. His financial interests have increased year by year and he is officially identified with other important business organizations of this section. He is secretary and treasurer of the Charleroi Savings and Trust Company; vice-president of the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Railway, and president of the Mercantile Bridge Company, controlling the connection between Charleroi and Monessen. Mr. Tener is a thorough master of every detail of his many business interests, but he has also found time to make a study of public questions and in the performance of duties attached to the responsible offices to which he has been elected, has shown a wisdom and ripe judgment that has made his fellow citizens eager to advance him to still more exalted position.

In October, 1889, Mr. Tener was married to Miss Harriet Jeanette Day, of Haverhill, Mass. They enjoy a beautiful home at Charleroi. Personally, Mr. Tener is a man to win friends. He has all the engaging qualities which mark the Irish race, together with the quick mind and the contemplative faculties with which that people are also endowed. Mr. Tener is a charter member of Charleroi Lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 494, and is a prominent member of this organization. In July, 1907, he was elected grand exalted ruler at the National Convention of Elks, held at Philadelphia, and served in that office until July, 1908. He has been a member of the United States Congress since the fall of 1908.

**WILLIAM S. BEAZELL**, a prosperous farmer and well known dairyman of Carroll Township, has been practically a lifelong resident of Washington County, Pa. He was born November 7, 1871, in Washington County, Ohio, a son of Leander and Rebecca (Colvin) Beazell.

William Beazell, grandfather of our subject, was born at Bellevue, Pa., and on February 22, 1807, came to Washington County, Pa., with his parents, who settled on a tract of timberland in Fallowfield Township. There he was married in the year 1828 to Susan West. To this union were born the following children: Elmira, Leander, Luke, West, Margaret, Mary, John and Samuel.

Leander Beazell was born March 18, 1831, in Fallowfield Township, where he was reared, and with the exception of a few years spent in Washington County, Ohio, was a lifelong resident of Washington County, Pa. He married Rebecca Colvin, a daughter of Stephen Colvin, and a granddaughter of Stephen Colvin, Sr., who at a very early period settled on land in Washington County, when it was thickly populated by the Indians.

Leander and Rebecca Beazell were the parents of three children: Iona; Lewis S., who operates the home farm; and William, our subject. Leander Beazell died in 1885 and was survived by his widow until 1890.

William S. Beazell was but a child when his parents removed from Ohio to Washington County, Pa., and settled on a farm one mile west of Monongahela City, where he was reared and later engaged in farming. In 1904 he came to his present farm in Carroll Township, where he follows general farming in connection with his dairying. Mr. Beazell was married May 18, 1904, to May Dennick, who is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Temple) Dennick, and they have two children, Lewis and Margaret. Mr. Beazell is a Republican in politics.

**BENJAMIN FEREDAY**, a prominent resident of McDonald, is a thoroughly experienced man in the coal industry, with which he has been identified almost from boyhood. Mr. Fereday was born in September, 1845, in England, a son of Thomas and Mary Fereday, both of whom died in England. They had six children, namely: William, Mary Jane, Benjamin, Anna, Richard and Charles.

At the age of eight years Benjamin Fereday left the common schools of his native country and entered a coal mine, where he continued to work until 1869. He then came to the United States and settled at what is now known as Black Diamond, on the Monongahela River, remaining there one year and then going to Salineville, Ohio. Later he removed to Alliance, in the same State, but subsequently returned to Salineville, and in 1872 he again settled on the Monongahela River and worked as a coal miner till 1878, and then taking charge of the American Coal Works for F. H. Carson, of McKeesport. After seven years in this capacity, he took charge of the Willow Grove mine at Sturgeon, Allegheny County, the mine which the McDonald Coal Company now has under lease, but which at that time belonged to the Pittsburg Coal Company, of which he was for one year general superintendent, having seven mines under his supervision. He was one of the founders of the McDonald Coal Company, in which he is a heavy stockholder, and in 1900 he was appointed mine inspector for the Pittsburg Coal Company, a position which he still holds. Not only has he been prominent in his business operations in this section, but he has also proved himself a good citizen, and for six years served as a member of the McDonald Council, being elected on the Republican ticket. With his wife he attends the Methodist Church at McDonald.

On December 25, 1865, Mr. Fereday was married to Jane Nichols, daughter of Edward and Mary Nichols, whose other children were: Edward, Benjamin, Joseph

and Thomas and Sarah. To Mr. and Mrs. Fereday there have been born eleven children—Anna, Benjamin, Mary Jane, Sadie, Margaret, Eliza, Josephine, Ida, Alice, Thomas and William. Mary Jane is the wife of John Patterson and lives in Sturgeon, Pa. Sadie married Robert Fenwick, of Sturgeon. Margaret married Curtis Rider, of Boverstown, Ohio. Eliza, now deceased, was the wife of George W. Wilson. Josephine married Claude McGee, of Sturgeon, Pa. Alice died when eleven years of age. William is an electrician in the employ of the Pittsburg Coal Company. Mr. Fereday belongs to the Garfield Lodge of Masons at McDonald.

JOHN ELMER SCOTT, who resides on a farm of 283 acres, situated two and one-half miles south of McDonald, in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., was born on this farm March 19, 1867, and is a son of John P. and Mary Ann (Cook) Scott.

John P. Scott, father of John E., was born on his father's farm near Primrose, in Mt. Pleasant Township, and was a son of John and Ann (White) Scott, early settlers. He attended school and later taught school for several years in Mt. Pleasant Township, but after marriage spent the remainder of his life on the farm now owned by his widow, his hard work and straight dealing with all who had business relations with him, bringing him universal respect and esteem. He was a Republican in his political views for a number of years, but later, on account of his opinions in regard to the liquor question, became affiliated with the Prohibition party. Had he consented, he might have held many local offices, but he accepted only that of school director. He was the charter president of the McDonald Savings and Trust Company, and at the time of his decease, was president of the Peoples' National Bank of McDonald. His death occurred June 26, 1907, and his burial was in the cemetery attached to the Venice United Presbyterian Church, of which religious body he had been an elder for forty years. He married Mary Ann Cook, who survives him and resides at McDonald. They had a family of five children: Robert C., who died in July, 1909; Anna, who is the wife of J. R. White; John Elmer, of Cecil Township; W. L., who is president of the McDonald Water and Gas Company; and George W., who is a contractor and driller in the oil fields.

John Elmer Scott was educated in the Kelso school in Cecil Township and Ingleside Academy, at McDonald, and ever since engaging in business has resided on the homestead. He has many additional interests, and is a stockholder in the McDonald Savings and Trust Company and the Citizens' Water Company, also of McDonald. He is recognized as an able and reliable business man and his acquaintance through the country is large.

On October 26, 1892, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Luella B. McPeak, a daughter of David and Mary Jane (Bell) McPeak, of Cecil Township, and they have had the following children: John Philip, David Alfred, Paul Elmer, Glenn Cook, William Archibald, Irvine Anderson, Mary Ethel and Donald Leroy, all now living except Irvine A. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Venice. He is identified with the Prohibition party. He is interested greatly in the public schools and at present is serving as school director.

JOHN I. TUTTLE, one of Washington's younger business men who, nevertheless, fills most efficiently the responsible position of night manager of the Highland Glass factories, No. 2 and No. 3, was born in 1877, in Greene County, Pa., and obtained his public school education there and in Washington County.

During early manhood Mr. Tuttle was engaged in farm work. He then—about eleven years ago—came to Washington and was engaged in a teaming business for some years, after which he learned the tin plate trade, which he followed until entering the employ of the Highland Glass Company as shipping clerk. For about five years he has held his present position with that company, as manager of their factories Nos. 2 and 3.

On January 2, 1902, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Priscilla Welling, who is a native of Michigan. They are members of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. J. MARTIN, justice of the peace at Zollarsville, Pa., and the owner of an excellent farm of forty acres, situated in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in West Bethlehem, Township, October 14, 1857, and is a son of John I. and Elizabeth (Barr) Martin, well known people.

A. J. Martin attended the district schools in West Bethlehem Township and remained on the home farm until twenty-five years of age and then visited the far West, spending six years as a farmer in the State of Washington. Since his return he has resided at Zollarsville, where his official duties are performed and also looks after the cultivation of his farm. In March, 1897, Squire Martin was married to Frances J. Cox. In politics he is a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Ten-Mile.

HON. GEORGE C. BOGGS, a Pennsylvanian by birth, but an Iowan by adoption, is claimed as a resident of Finleyville, having been born within one and a half miles of that place, on the old Boggs farm, in Union Township, February 13, 1847. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Boggs.





E. M. HAZLETT, M. D.



John Boggs was born March 31, 1813, on his father's farm in Allegheny County, Pa., and in early manhood married Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel Wilson, and a granddaughter of Co. George Craighead, of revolutionary fame. They settled on a farm near Finleyville and resided there until 1865, when they moved to North Pittsburg. The father died there April 11, 1891. The mother survived for a few years, dying January 15, 1899, aged eighty-five years. They had six children, namely: Mary M., who was the wife of Dr. David W. Riggs, both being now deceased; David, who died in infancy; Elizabeth Ann, who died in infancy; Samuel W., who died February 15, 1898, aged fifty-six (was a physician); George Craighead; and William Judson, who died May 27, 1856.

George C. Boggs attended the district schools in Union Township while he continued at home on the farm, and later took a course in the Academy at California, Pa., and also a business course at Duff's Commercial College, Pittsburg. Thus equipped he accepted a clerkship with the Hamlin Keogler Company Glass Works at Pittsburg, where he remained twenty months, giving up the position on account of failing health. After regaining his health he became a traveling salesman for Pittsburg manufacturers, and traveled in fifteen States, stopping only at the large cities. At the end of three years he resigned; got married—took "Greeley's advice"—and went West. On January 1, 1870, he arrived with his wife in Iowa, locating at Russell, in Lucas County, engaging there in the grain, lumber and milling business and investing in farm lands, which he had put under cultivation by tenants. In 1888 he removed from Lucas County to Des Moines, where he turned his attention to dealing in real estate and became financially interested in the coal and oil industries. In 1891 he returned to Washington County in order to care for important business interests here, but a yearly trip is necessary to Des Moines, as that is his legal residence and he has many interests there also. Mr. Boggs was one of the founders of the First National Bank at Finleyville, which was organized September 22, 1902, and served for twenty-eight months as its first president, being yet a stockholder.

From early manhood, Mr. Boggs has been an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party and frequently was elected to township offices, school offices, and also that of president of the Lucas County Agriculture Society, although he never sought even any of them. During the winter of 1882-3, while sojourning in Florida, his friends in Iowa put forward his name for representative in the legislature, which proved acceptable, as he was easily elected in the fall of that year, served with distinction and was re-elected. The legislature took possession of the fine new State house at

Des Moines during his first term. At the close of his second term he retired from public life and since then has devoted himself to travel and to many interests, both of a business and social nature.

On December 16, 1860, Mr. Boggs was married to Miss Martha E. Frye, who is a daughter of West and Christina (Van Voorhis) Frye, an old and prominent family of Washington County. They have had four children, namely: John M., secretary and general manager of the Pittsburg Casualty Company, in the Union Bank Building, Pittsburg, Pa., who married Kittie B. Robertsou; Martha Mildred, who died in infancy; Helen, who is the wife of Lieut. Orson L. Early (served throughout the Spanish-American War, taking part in every battle in Cuba, also in two separate campaigns in the Philippine Island; failing health caused him to leave the army and his resignation took effect February, 1906; now located at Earlham, Iowa); and Harley, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Boggs has been an extensive traveler and has many beautiful and curious articles gathered both in her own and in foreign lands. She is well known in the literary world as the talented author of two interesting romances. One of these she has named "A Romance of the New Virginia, or Margaret Steyne," which was published in 1896. The other, bearing the title of "Jack Crews," was published in 1899. Besides the two romances she has written many interesting articles, especially the ones, on what she saw, heard and learned during her travels in the Philippines, in China and in Japan. Mr. Boggs is a member of Chariton Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., at Chariton, Iowa, and of the Des Moines Consistory No. 3, at Des Moines, Iowa. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church in that city.

E. M. HAZLETT, M. D., physician and surgeon at Washington, Pa., belongs to one of the old and honorable pioneer families of Washington County, his grandfather Samuel Hazlett, having come to this section of Pennsylvania at a period long since past. Dr. Hazlett was born at Prosperity, Washington County, in 1869, and spent his early years in his native place.

John M. Hazlett, father of Dr. Hazlett, was born in South Franklin Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1842, and subsequently became one of the prominent citizens of Amwell Township. He was a patriotic man and loyal soldier during the great Civil War and served as a member of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and never entirely recovered from the hardships and exposure then endured, his death remotely occurring from the same in 1903.

From the local schools Dr. Hazlett entered the Normal School at California and was also a student at Waynes-

ourg College. For seven years he then engaged in teaching, although the end he had in view was a medical education, and when the opportunity came he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1902. He came then to Washington and was associated with Dr. Teagerden in medical practice until April 1, 1909, since then being alone. In recognition of his professional skill he has been appointed to several very important public positions, serving two years as physician to the Washington County Home, and being placed in charge of the State Tuberculosis Dispensary, No. 105, when it was established in April, 1909, and is serving in the latter capacity at the present. He has always been a close student and an interested investigator, and in addition to the regular medical course has taken advantage of clinics and post-graduate instruction and is on the gynecological staff in the Washington City Hospital. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association. He takes a good citizen's interest in local politics and has served on the school board.

Dr. Hazlett was married July 9, 1902, to Miss Rosella Kenamand, a daughter of Henry Kenamand, of Washington, and they have one little daughter, Marian Rosella. Dr. and Mrs. Hazlett are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Bassett Club.

W. L. SCOTT, M. D., president of the Warner Glass Company, was born at Venice, Washington County, Pa., in 1870, and is a son of John P. and Mary (Cook) Scott. His parental grandfather, John Scott, was a native of Washington County, and was a grandson of Samuel Scott, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. The father of our subject was in early life a farmer, but in 1897 came to McDonald and was one of the organizers of the Peoples National Bank, of which he was elected president, holding that office until the time of his death June 26, 1907. He is still survived by his widow, who is a resident of McDonald. She has been the mother of five children, namely: R. C. Scott, deceased; J. E., who is a farmer of Washington County, Pa.; W. L., the subject of this sketch; George W., who is a contractor at Corapolis, Pa., and Mrs. J. R. White, of Canonsburg, Pa.

W. L. Scott, after a common school education, graduated with the Class of 1891 from Westminster College, and—subsequently with the Class of 1895—from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. He then engaged in the practice of medicine at McDonald for two years, at the end of which time he gave up his practice to accept a position as cashier of the Peoples National Bank. This concern which obtained a State charter for a trust company in 1903, has since been known as the McDonald Savings and

Trust Company. After the death of his father, Dr. Scott was appointed president of the bank, in which capacity he served from November, 1907, until the following spring. He then resigned to accept the position of president of the Warner Glass Company, which operates a plant at McDonald. The officers of the Warner Glass Company are: W. L. Scott, president; E. L. Freet, secretary and treasurer; directors, W. L. Elliott and Dr. George H. Miller, while C. H. Beach has charge of the sales department and C. D. Brubaker is superintendent of the plant.

In 1895 Dr. Scott was united in marriage with Erma Moore, a daughter of A. J. Moore, who was a prominent farmer of Washington County, Pa., and they have one son and one daughter, Mary and William.

EMIL SENG, gardener and dealer in vegetables and fruit, is the owner of thirty-five acres of highly cultivated land situated on the Houston Run Road, in Union Township, about one mile southeast of Finleyville. He was born in Burkheim on the River Rhine, in Baden, Germany, May 17, 1854, and is a son of Andrew and Nellie (Berger) Seng.

The father of Mr. Seng, who owned a farm in Burkheim, married in Germany and all his six children were born there. While they were yet small Andrew Seng came to America alone and as soon as he had made a home, all the family joined him at Pittsburg, except his wife and youngest daughter. He made several trips back and forth and now lives in his old home in Germany, aged eighty-seven years, having survived his wife, who died there. Their children were: Elizabeth, who is the widow of C. Hornick; Wallburga, who is the wife of P. Shis; Emil; Albert; Clara, who is the widow of R. Shriver; and Anna, now deceased, who was the wife of August Shriver.

Emil Seng was sixteen years of age when he left Germany for America. The voyage consumed twenty-two days, but he safely reached Pittsburg and joined his father and later they both worked for a short time in a distillery at Natrona, Pa. Emil then started to work at the blacksmith's trade with Andrew Spot, of Pittsburg, and later at Allegheny, and remained with him for two and a half years. Still later he worked in South Pittsburg for Christian Frey. The financial panic that then prevailed had its effect on all lines of business and Mr. Seng's employer closed up. After searching for work at different places and accepting honorable employment whenever he could find it, Mr. Seng became acquainted with William Sculley, who then operated a coal yard in South Pittsburg and one at Lintown, now Shire Oaks. He engaged Mr. Seng to work in his mine at Lintown, its name being the Cliff mine, and there Mr. Seng remained for six years, working in the mine

through the winter seasons and on a farm he rented, in Union Township, during the summers. In 1884 he purchased five and one-half acres of his present farm from Hugh McChain and completed the building of a house. He also constructed a bank barn, a spring house, poultry house, hog house and other necessary buildings, and from time to time acquired a few more acres until he now has a valuable farm. He does a large business in gardening and fruit growing, his orchards having 200 trees which he set out himself. He runs a wagon with produce to both Monongahela and Donora. His success in his undertakings show plainly that industry, frugality and good management are pretty sure to bring rewards.

On August 9, 1874, Mr. Seng was married to Miss Catherine Klinkner, a daughter of John Klinkner, of Allegheny County, and eight children have been born to them, namely: John, who married Catherine Sullivan and has one child, Catherine; Elizabeth, who married Peter Engel and has two children—Elizabeth and Hildegard M.; Albert, who married Mary Miller; Clara, who married Joseph McElwee and has one child, Emil; Casper, who was accidentally killed by a boiler explosion, when aged over twenty years; Matthew, who married Bessie Anton and has one child, Catherine; Theodora, and George W. Mr. Seng and family belong to the Catholic Church at Finleyville. In politics he is a Democrat.

HON. JOHN BANKS HOLLAND, one of Washington County's prominent citizens, at present a member of the General Assembly, resides in Cecil Township, on the 172-acre farm, occupied by his mother. He was born in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa., September 17, 1844. His parents, John Holland and Ann Jane (Jamison) Holland, were united in marriage November 17, 1843, by Dr. James Greer, pastor of the Robinson Run United Presbyterian Congregation, now of McDonald, Pa. John Holland, the father, was the son of Stephen Holland, who served as a soldier in the revolutionary war. The mother is the daughter of Francis and Nancy (Wallace) Jamison, whose ancestors came from County Down, Ireland. The parents of Mr. Holland ("Uncle Banks") lived for some time in the country, then moved to Pittsburg. To this union were born three children: John B., Agnes M. and Rebecca W. Agnes M. married Matthew Hanley, who died September 10, 1867. Of this union were born three children. Mrs. Hanley married September 6, 1871, Lance Menor; to this union were born five children. Rebecca W. is at home with the mother.

On June 9, 1864, Mrs. Holland was again united in marriage to John Cullbage, of Mansfield, now Carnegie, Pa. The following year they moved to a farm in Cecil

Township, Washington County, where Mrs. Cullbage now resides. Mr. Cullbage died August 4, 1880. To this union were born three children: Anna M., who was married first to William Small, who died October 9, 1890, and second to William Smith; they live in Mercer County, Pa. Martha J., married George W. Lanning and at present lives at home, with Mrs. Cullbage. Ewretta M., married Harry C. McEwen; they live in Cecil Township.

John B. Holland—familiarily known as "Uncle Banks"—obtained his primary educational training in Allegheny County public schools; after coming home from the Civil War, he attended Bethel Academy, in Allegheny County, and still later Linnaean Academy of Canonsburg, Pa. He then chose the profession of teaching, which he followed for twenty-two years; teaching in the public schools of Washington and Allegheny Counties, at Carnegie, Linnetown—now Courtney—and Turtle Creek, at the latter place he taught eighteen years. For this profession, Mr. Holland was eminently qualified, having good native ability to which by diligent study, he constantly added. He acquired the power to impart knowledge in such way as to lastingly impress his pupils; though not known actually in the profession, he takes a deep interest in education, never failing to attend and take part in the educational meetings held in Western Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Holland, at the first call of President Lincoln enlisted in the Fifth United States Infantry, then stationed at Boston, Mass. For two weeks he was quartered at the old National Hotel, on Water street, in Pittsburg; being under age he was taken home by his grandfather and guardian.

Again in August, 1861, he enrolled in the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, then being recruited by the now retired Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young. This time the power of a mother prevented, but time only intensified the ardent desire of young Holland to serve his country; hence on August 20, 1862, within sight of his birth place he enrolled as a private in Company D, 149th Pennsylvania (Bucktails). His record reads, that he was one of the few, who was never absent from the company, by reason of sickness or detached duty; participated in every battle or skirmish in which the regiment was engaged; though never wounded. He is at present a valued member and adjutant of Lieut. Thomas Post No. 330, Grand Army of the Republic, of McDonald, Pa. He is also an active member of the "Old Guard" of Allegheny County, Pa. Masonically he is affiliated with Garfield Lodge No. 604, F. & A. M., at McDonald, Pa.; Duquesne Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 193, and Asaelon Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 59, both located at Pittsburg, Pa.

From early manhood Mr. Holland has always taken

an active interest in matters pertaining to the public welfare, having served almost continuously as an election officer for more than thirty years and having served as township auditor in Allegheny County twelve years and now serving a like length of term in Cecil Township. In 1908 he was elected to the House of Representatives on the Republican ticket, served with credit and is a candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Holland is a valued correspondent of his county papers. He is an adherent and supporter of the United Presbyterian Church of Venice, Pa.

THOMAS DONOHUE, who has been closely identified with the coal interests of Washington County for a number of years, organized the Pittsburg and South Western Coal Company and is operating a mine at Avella, with a present output of 300,000 tons a year. He was born at Greensburg, Pa., December 15, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Cecelia (Wise) Donohue, lifelong residents of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Donohue attended the public schools and the seminary at Greensburg, and when only eighteen years of age was considered reliable enough to be placed in a position of responsibility, being made manager of a store for a coal company in which his father was interested. When twenty-one he was promoted to be superintendent of the Madison Gas Coal Company and continued in that office for ten years. In 1902 he organized his present company, which is in a very prosperous condition. Mr. Donohue during the year of 1909 became interested in gas development in association with Mr. A. M. Gardner, using the facts obtained by the United States geological survey as the basis for drilling for gas instead of the use of haphazard methods. Gas companies had passed up the territory, but two good wells have resulted and further developments are being made. He is one of the stockholders and a director in the Avella Lincoln National Bank. In addition to being a successful business man, Mr. Donohue is an inventor and has valuable patents on pneumatic tools. He has solved one of the most serious problems in the operation of mines, having perfected a new system of mine ventilation. It is satisfactorily installed in the Avella plant and in several other large mines and its value will undoubtedly be recognized by mine owners all over the country within a short period. He is identified with the National Guard and for thirteen years was a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania National Guard, and rose to the command of his company. In 1891, during the riots at Morewood, he was made post adjutant and commanded four companies. He has a thorough comprehension of the industrial situation all over the country and is one of the judicious, tactful and able executives who bring both peace and

efficiency to meet what might under some superintendence be constant unrest. Mr. Donohue owns property at Avella, his handsome residence being one of modern construction and comfort.

On August 24, 1898, Mr. Donohue was married to Miss Gertrude Darragh, who is a daughter of Hart and Lenora Darragh, residents of Philadelphia. Mrs. Darragh is an artist of note. Mrs. Donohue completed her education in Paris, France, and is a pianist of more than usual talent. She is a member of the famous Tourist Club of Pittsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Donohue have four children, namely: Thomas H. Darragh, born June 26, 1899; Leonora Cecelia, born July 23, 1900; Wilson, born April 1, 1904; and John H., born May 7, 1909. Mr. Donohue and family are rigid Roman Catholics. As no church of that body has yet been erected at Avella, Mr. Donohue rents a hall and a priest comes out from Pittsburg once a month and holds services. In all that he does Mr. Donohue shows the consistency of a well-balanced man.

JOHN A. GAULT, farmer and fruit grower, who owns 106 acres of productive land situated in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., about two and one-half miles southeast of Finleyville, was born in Jefferson Township, Allegheny County, Pa., August 23, 1846. His parents were Andrew and Mary (Mowry) Gault.

Andrew Gault was born near Canonsburg, Washington County, where his father had settled as a pioneer. In early manhood, Andrew Gault moved to Allegheny County and was there married to Mary Mowry, who was born in Jefferson Township. They moved from that section to Elizabeth Township and the first farm he bought was land on which part of Glassport now stands. In 1867 he moved to the farm on which his son, John A., resides, purchasing it from M. P. Patton. He remained here until the close of his life, dying in 1879, when aged seventy-nine years. His widow survived ten years, her age at time of death being seventy-one years. They had seven children: Christina, who is the wife of George A. Smith; John Alexander; Sarah J., who is the wife of J. F. Kennedy; and Andrew (all living) and three who died at an early age.

John A. Gault, who is known to his friends as "Doc," grew to manhood on the farm he now owns, in the meanwhile attending the district schools and later taking a commercial course at Duff's Business College, at Pittsburg. After the death of his father, he and his brother, Andrew, came into possession of the farm and at a later date, John A. purchased his brother's interest. Since 1880 he has been successfully engaged in fruit growing. He is general agent in Washington County for the well known nurseryman, Nelson Bogue, of Batavia, N. Y.

On November 10, 1875, Mr. Gault was married to Miss

Mary J. Pease, a daughter of William Pease, and they have had seven children; namely: Mary E., who married John A. Dennis, and has two children, Helen and John Alfred; Donald L., who married Mary Hutchison, and has three children—John L., Dorothy and Andrew Russell; Emma C.; Olive E., who died at the age of twenty years; Nora V.; Jennie M., who married J. Frank Long and has one child, Gladys Ruth; and John Andrew, a stalwart youth of twenty years. In his political views, Mr. Gault is a Democrat. He served sixteen years on the township school board and for four years on the board of managers of the Morganza Reform School, being appointed to this office by former Gov. Pattison. He is a man of standing in his community and a representative citizen.

**THE AMSPOKER FAMILY**—Among the early settlers of Washington County was Jonas Amspoker. He with two brothers came from Germany. One brother settled in New York, one in Philadelphia and Jonas in York County, Pa. Afterward Jonas and his wife came to Washington County, Pa., and took by tomahawk right a parcel of land, partly in Washington County and partly in what is now Brooke County, W. Va., containing between 200 and 300 acres. The main part was in continual possession of Amspoker heirs for more than 100 years. They came in the year 1779.

His wife was Elizabeth Leeper, a lady of Scotch descent. A few years ago the Hon. David Rohrer Leeper, of South Bend, Ind., traced the Leeper lineage back to the year 1440 and procured a copy of their "coat of arms."

A sister of Elizabeth Leeper married Alexander Smith, great-grandfather of the present Alexander Smith, of near Eldersville, and took up the same farm now occupied by him.

Jonas Amspoker and wife had five children, who lived and married, two sons and three daughters: Sarah married a Mr. Jones and later Judge Fulton; Martha married a Mr. Burt; and Mary, the youngest of the family, married a Mr. Rippith, of Harrison County, Ohio. Three of Mary's children are still living. It is from Mrs. Delilah Lappin, of Leesville, Ohio, the youngest of her mother's family, that we have gathered these facts. She says she has heard her mother relate of her going around the cabin chimney one day when but four years old and seeing her brother, John, sitting in the chimney corner crying very hard. She says, "John, what makes you cry so?" He replied: "Don't you know father is dead." This was July 6, 1796, and John was but sixteen years old and the eldest of the family. The mother died July 15, 1839.

The other son, Samuel, settled near Cadiz, Ohio; was married twice and had eight son and three daughters.

The sons were John, Alexander, Charles, Jonas, George, Albert, Webster and Theodore.

The older brother, John, was born January 1, 1780, and married Mary Ramsey, of near West Middletown, Washington County, who was born February 20, 1785. They had four sons—George, Jonas, John and Samuel—and three daughters—Mary, Martha and Elizabeth.

John continued to reside on the home place till after the marriage of his sons George and John, when he turned the homestead over to them and came to a farm not far from Burgettstown, Pa. Afterward he gave that to his son Jonas and bought again on Harmon's Creek, Hanover Township. Jonas sold out in the fifties and located near New Concord, Ohio. He had two daughters and four sons. The elder daughter was the first wife of J. B. (Tenan) of Burgettstown, Pa. The other daughter, Belle, married Benjamin Marshall, of New Concord, Ohio. The sons are William, Jonas, James and Albert, all of Muskingum and Guernsey Counties, Ohio.

John's daughter, Martha, married Rezin Criss and lived in Ohio. Elizabeth married John McFarland and also moved to Ohio. Mary was unmarried and moved with her mother and a granddaughter (Mrs. Maria Halstead) to New Concord, Ohio. They left Washington County in the spring of 1858. The death of Mary Ramsey Amspoker occurred July 26, 1880; she was aged ninety-five years five months and six days.

George Amspoker, son of John, had four daughters, no sons. Eliza married Zachariah Wheeler, of near Colliers, Brook County, W. Va. Mary married Asa Donovan, of near Fowlertown, W. Va. Caroline married Elijah Criss and Adaline married John Reasoner. The latter two live near Cambridge, Ohio.

John, Jr., had one son and two daughters. Clara married John Wells, of Washington County, and Emeline married a Mr. St. Clair, of near New Concord, Ohio. The son, John C., still lives on a part of the first tract of land, and has three daughters, Marie, Zelina and Helen. John's youngest son, Samuel, inherited the farm on Harmon's Creek.

Samuel was killed in October, 1857, leaving his widow with one son and five daughters. The son is Samuel Amspoker, attorney, of Washington, Pa., and he with John C., of Brooke County, W. Va., a full cousin, represents the male line east of the Ohio River, as Samuel's family consists of two daughters, Clarissa and Ruth.

T. R. Strain bought the Harmon's Creek farm in 1883, having married one of deceased Samuel Amspoker's daughters. The farm was sold at sheriff's sale in August, 1905, to satisfy a small mortgage. It is now owned by H. G. Taylor, of near Burgettstown.

ROBERT ANDREW DONALDSON, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Washing-

ton County, Pa., is a leading business man of Canonsburg, conducting a large grocery business in this borough. He was born at Canonsburg July 4, 1878, and is a son of Franklin Pierce and Emma Jeanetta (Armstrong) Donaldson.

Franklin Pierce Donaldson was born at Canonsburg, July 22, 1852, and still resides in his native place. His parents were Robert and Sarah (Brown) Donaldson, both of whom died at Canonsburg, and the former of whom was a bricklayer by trade.

Franklin P. Donaldson learned the plasterer's trade in early manhood, but later went into the drug business and conducted a drug store at Canonsburg for twelve years. He has spent all his life here with the exception of four or five years passed at Huntingdon, Pa. He married Emma J. Armstrong, a daughter of Andrew Armstrong. She was one of ten children and her mother died when Emma was quite young. To Franklin P. Donaldson and wife three children were born, Robert Andrew, Mary Armstrong and William Armstrong. Mary Armstrong died when four years old and William Armstrong at about the same age.

Robert Andrew Donaldson attended the common schools and was graduated from the Canonsburg High School in the Class of 1898. He prepared for a business career by attending the Washington Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He was then employed for four years as bookkeeper by the Canonsburg Transfer Company, and for about the same length of time was bookkeeper and collector for W. J. Elliott, also of Canonsburg. On April 1, 1906, he embarked in the grocery business at his present location, No. 16 West Pike street, Canonsburg, with a Mr. Edwards as a partner, the firm style being Donaldson & Edwards. Later, Mr. Donaldson purchased his partner's interest and has been alone ever since. He started out practically without resources except those provided by himself and his success has been the result of honest methods, reliable goods and a natural adaptability to the business. He has built up a large trade and in his line is numbered with the representative merchants of Canonsburg.

On June 18, 1902, Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Olive B. Swan, a daughter of Samuel Swan, of Canonsburg, and they have two children, Alma May, who was born on May 14, 1907; and Mary Armstrong, born January 5, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson are members of the Canonsburg Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with both the lower branch and the Uniform Rank of the order of Knights of Pythias.

FRED COOPER IRWIN, one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Nottingham Township, who is carrying on general farming on a well cultivated tract

of fifty-six acres, was born on a farm at Ginger Hill, Washington County, Pa., May 26, 1860, and is a son of David and Nancy (Cooper) Irwin.

James Irwin, the grandfather of Fred C. Irwin, came from Lancaster County to Washington County, Pa., and worked at his trade of cooper, having a shop at Monongahela, where his death occurred in his ninety-fourth year. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Porter and his second Mary Carson, and to this latter union there were born three children, Lewis, David and Sarah, all now deceased.

David Irwin was born at Monongahela, and there learned the trade of cooper in his father's shop. Subsequently he became a farmer, but in 1856 he went to California in search of gold, making the trip over the plains and being gone for about five years. He then came back to his farm, but again made the trip, this time around the Horn, and was gone for two years. Selling his mining interests, he returned to Washington County, Pa., and purchased a farm at Ginger Hill, which is still in the family name, but later he went to Allegheny and was there engaged in business for twenty-eight years. He died at that place when sixty-seven years of age, his widow surviving him for some time and dying at the age of sixty-three years. She was a daughter of F. K. and Lydia (Townsend) Cooper, the former of Nottingham Township and the latter of Peters Township. The six children born to David and Nancy (Cooper) Irwin were as follows: Lydia E., who died young; Joseph T.; Fred C.; Edwin J.; Anna, who is the wife of J. K. Hutchinson; and Stella, who is the wife of A. M. Chestnut.

Fred Cooper Irwin grew to manhood on the Ginger Hill farm, and learned the painter's trade, which he followed for twenty-five years. He then purchased his present farm from the Barclay estate. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and has been eminently successful in his operations. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Irwin was a member of the school board for six years, during five years of which time he was president of that body.

On January 15, 1885, Mr. Irwin was married to Margaret Barclay, the daughter of James and Sarah (Caster) Barclay, and their children are James, Mina, Charles, Hallie, Joseph, Robert, Clyde, Clifford and Lee Roy.

JOHN CLARK FREMONT MILLER, a representative citizen of Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., and a member of one of the old and prominent families of this section, resides on his farm of ninety-seven acres and is extensively engaged in raising thoroughbred Holstein and Guernsey cattle. He was born on an adjoining farm December 26, 1856, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Reed) Miller.





NELSON H. BOYD



Andrew Miller, the grandfather, came from Ireland to America in 1812, bringing his parents, Thomas and Sarah Miller and accompanied by his brother Thomas and his three sisters, Sarah, Margaret and Mary. They all settled in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa. Andrew Miller was married in Ireland to Sarah Steele, a sister of Rev. James Steele, who, for many years was a Presbyterian minister at Strabane, Ireland. After settling in Mt. Pleasant Township Andrew Miller engaged in farming which occupation he followed for many years there and then moved to Chartiers Township, where he died in 1853, at the age of seventy years. His widow died in 1856 at the home of her daughter in Mt. Pleasant Township. Andrew Miller was a leading Democrat in his neighborhood and he was a valued member of the Associate Church. Four children were born to Andrew Miller and his wife: James, who died in 1844, and was an attorney at Wooster, Ohio; Thomas; Andrew, who died in Allegheny County, Pa.; and Jane, who was the wife of Andrew Russell, of Chartiers Township.

Thomas Miller, father of John C. F. Miller, obtained his education in an old log schoolhouse on Chartiers Creek and afterward he gave his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and was long numbered with the successful farmers and stock raisers of Washington County. He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township October 15, 1815, and died at Canonsburg, to which city he retired in 1875, erecting there a handsome residence. In his early political life he was a Democrat, but left the ranks of that party on the slavery issue. His first presidential vote was cast for Martin Van Buren, then for William Henry Harrison. He was a delegate from Canonsburg to the first National convention of the Republican party which was held at Pittsburgh in 1856. In 1884 he cast in his lot with the Prohibition party and was a delegate to the convention that nominated Hon. T. M. T. McKennan to fill the vacancy in Congress caused by the death of Hon. Joseph Lawrence. Mr. Miller refused public office on many occasions and declined to accept the nomination of his party for the State Legislature at the first county Republican convention.

On May 17, 1843, Thomas Miller was married to Annie Reed, who died in March, 1858. She was a daughter of David Reed, of Cecil Township, Washington County. Seven children were born to that marriage: Andrew S., David Reed, J. Martin, John C. F., Almira, Elizabeth and Sadie J. Andrew S. Miller, a member of the bar of Pittsburgh, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. He married Elizabeth A. Reed, a daughter of Alfred Reed, a banker, of Allegheny City. David Reed Miller, a prominent minister in the United Presbyterian Church and for years editor of

the "United Presbyterian," was educated at Westminster and Monmouth Colleges. He first married Mary S. Wyley and afterwards Annie Cathcart. J. Martin Miller, a prosperous farmer in Chartiers Township, was educated in the district schools and Washington and Jefferson College. After his marriage he purchased the home farm in Chartiers Township and is interested in raising Holstein cattle and Delaine Merino sheep. In 1875 he married Mary B. Stewart, a native of Belmont County, Ohio, a daughter of John Stewart. Mr. Miller was elected a ruling elder in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church in 1886. Almira Miller, who is now deceased, was the wife of Rev. W. T. McConnell, who is pastor of the Turtle Creek United Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth Miller died at the age of ten years. Sadie J. Miller is also deceased. She was the wife of W. H. Ritchie, of West Point, Ky. On November 20, 1860, Thomas Miller was married (second) to Elizabeth Linn. She was born in South Strabane Township, a daughter of James Linn. There was no issue to this marriage and she survived her husband for about eighteen months.

John C. F. Miller, the youngest of the family, obtained his education in the local schools and then took a business course at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburgh. Prior to settling down to an agricultural life, Mr. Miller was interested in other industrial lines. In 1901 Mr. Miller came to his present farm, it being the one on which Rev. Isaac and Rev. Smith, as well as Dr. George P. Hays, were reared, the latter of whom was at one time president of Washington and Jefferson College. He has made some improvements, erecting his present commodious residence in 1907. He takes much interest in developing his fine stock and owns herds that are very valuable from every point of view.

In 1892 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Anna M. Ross, who is a daughter of M. P. and Anna Jeanette (Pollock) Ross, who resides at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two daughters: Anna Violet and Velma Jean. Formerly Mr. Miller was identified with the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, but is now a member of the Houston Church. In politics he is a Republican, but has no political aspirations.

NELSON HOMER BOYD, postmaster at Finleyville, Pa., for many years has been a representative business man in this section and has held his present office since July, 1908. He was born in Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1847, and is a son of John and Jane (Weddle) Boyd.

The parents of Mr. Boyd spent their entire lives in Elizabeth Township. They had a family of nine children: George, John, Joseph, James, Nelson Homer, Eliza, Robert, Nancy Jane, and Mary Elizabeth. The

four survivors are: Johu, Robert, Nelson H., and Nancy Jane, the latter of whom is the wife of C. A. Walker of McKeesport, Pa.

Nelson H. Boyd attended the district school near his father's small farm and blacksmith shop, in Elizabeth Township, until he was near seventeen years of age, when he began to teach school and taught very acceptably to patrons and pupils for ten terms. He then became part owner in a general store in partnership with his brother, John Boyd, and subsequently bought a farm of 100 acres in Washington County and operated it for three years. Returning then to Allegheny County, he spent the next five years there and during that time served one term as a justice of the yeace. In 1882 he came to Finleyville and entered the employ of a well-known coal operator, Henry Floersheim, with whom he continued for eighteen years. When the government started the free delivery system, Mr. Boyd entered the service for ten months. In 1901, in partnership with his brother, Robert Boyd, he went into the grocery business at Finleyville, which they conducted until 1906. In all his different business connections Mr. Boyd has retained the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens through his ability and integrity, and his appointment as postmaster was acceptable to many who were not of the same political faith as himself.

On June 8, 1871, Mr. Boyd was married to Miss Lucetta Fritchman, of Westmoreland County, and they reside on Marion avenue, Finleyville. They have three children: Francis M., Charles N., and Henry C. The eldest son married Jean Kerr and they have the following children: Lucetta, Marion, Martha, Helen, Arthur and James.

JOSEPH ROLAND CURRY, one of the leading citizens of Gastonville, Pa., who deals in real estate and insurance, is also a notary public and has practically been a lifelong resident of this borough. He was born October 7, 1848, at Finleyville, Pa., and is a son of Joseph M. and Mary Jane (Campbell) Curry.

Dr. Joseph Curry, who was born April 14, 1778, was one of the prominent pioneer physicians of this section of Pennsylvania, and died July 6, 1861, at his home place at Curry Station, Allegheny County, Pa. His marriage with Jane Finley, a daughter of John Finley, who laid out the town of Finleyville, Pa., resulted in the birth of the following children: John Finley, deceased; Joseph Moore, deceased; William E., deceased; Sarah, now past ninety years of age; Mary Jane, deceased; Susan, deceased; Margaret; and Isabelle.

Joseph M. Curry, who was born in 1813 in Snowden Township, Allegheny County, Pa., was a graduated physician, but never practiced his profession. Early in life he engaged in the mercantile business at Finleyville,

where he commanded an extensive patronage, and was one of the most successful business men of the borough. He made two trips yearly to Philadelphia, where on each occasion he purchased stock, making payments yearly. He carried an extensive line of goods and it was said by his friends and patrons that it was impossible to ask Joe Curry for anything he didn't have in stock. On one occasion some friends wishing to test him, called for an ox-yoke, when, much to their surprise, he produced one from his ware-room, having purchased it shortly before at a public sale. About 1855 Mr. Curry removed to Gastonville, Pa., where he continued in the mercantile business for about fifty years, after which he lived in retirement until the time of his death in 1896. The business was carried on for several years afterwards by his son George. He was married in 1846 to Mary Jane Campbell, who was born in 1826 in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., and of their union were born the following children: Robert C., who died in infancy; Joseph Roland, William H., Edward C., George A., Frank M., Mary Jane, Lydia Belle, who is the widow of Dr. W. J. Gamble, of Gastonville, Pa., and Robert C.

Joseph R. Curry was about six years old when his parents removed to Gastonville, Pa., where he was reared. His educational training was obtained in the township schools, the old Southwestern Academy at California, Pa., and at the Iron City Business College, Pittsburg. About 1872 he removed to Darlington, Beaver County, Pa., where he operated a general store until 1878, then went to Missouri, where he engaged in farming on a tract of 160 acres, which he still owns, and in 1880 returned to Gastonville, where he has since dealt in real estate and life insurance. Mr. Curry is now serving his second term as notary public, is a Democrat in politics and was elected by that party justice of the peace in 1910.

Mr. Curry was first united in marriage with Jane Elizabeth Cook, who died in Missouri, leaving three children: Maude, is an instructor in the Pittsburg Academy; Edith, residing at home; and Alice, who is a teacher in the Pittsburg Academy. She and her sister both taught some time in the Washington County schools. Mr. Curry subsequently married Frank D. Lytle, who is a daughter of Isaac Lytle.

CHARLES A. McDONALD, who successfully operates his farm of 112 acres, situated in Cecil Township, adjoining Venice Station, has also other business interests, being superintendent of the South Pennsylvania Oil Company, and for fifteen years has bred fine trotting and work horses, having registered Percheron stock. He was born in Tyrone City, Pa., March 27, 1868, and his parents were John and Susan (Barraknan) McDonald. His father died in Allegheny County when Charles was six

years old. His mother resides at Petrolia, in Butler County, Pa.

Charles A. McDonald attended school in Butler County, but had no superior advantages, beginning industrial life in the oil fields when quite young. In 1888 he went to Murdocksville, Washington County, as field foreman, and from there to McKee's Rocks, remaining at the latter place for some seventeen years. In 1908 he bought his present valuable property and has established a first-class stock farm, giving the larger part of his attention to raising high grade trotting horses and fancy poultry. He has invested a large amount of capital and his stock is attracting much favorable notoriety, it being superior to any found in this section. Mr. McDonald is a stockholder and a director in the Peoples National Bank at McDonald, and a stockholder also in the First National Bank at the same place. For three years he has been a director of the Burgettstown fair board. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the Elks. He is one of Cecil Township's most enterprising business men and has been elected the second term for supervisor in this township.

JUDSON WILEY, general contractor in all kinds of cement work and the leading man in his line at Washington, Pa., was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1858, and was reared and attended school there.

Mr. Wiley was engaged in early manhood in farm pursuits, but for a quarter of a century has been a worker in cement, for twenty years of this time being with the Peabody-Filbert Company, and since then doing business for himself. The fine quality of his work may be seen in the superior pavements that attract favorable comment from visitors in Washington. In spite of general hard times in the building trades in 1908, Mr. Wiley used more than 3,000 barrels of cement and is kept busy filling his contracts.

In 1884 Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Mary A. McKay, who was born in England, and they have four children, Rose L., Edna May, Howard Thomas and Judson A., all residing at home. Mr. Wiley and family are members of the Christian Church.

NATHAN BAKER, SR., who was an early settler on Fishpot Run, in what was formerly East Bethlehem Township, but is now Deemstown Borough, Washington County, Pa., was of English ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Baker, who was born in 1674, married Martha Woodward, and they settled near Philadelphia, Pa. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows:

Mary, born 1699, married Francis Yarnell; Richard,

born 1700, married Elizabeth Hunter; Aaron, born 1701, married Mary Edwards; Annie, born 1703, married ———; Susannah, born 1705, ———

Jane, born 1706, married Thomas Thomas; Jesse, born 1709, married Annie Regester; Sarah, born 1711, married Phillip Otto; Joseph, born 1713, ———; Rachel, born 1715, married Benjamin Hampton; Nehemiah, born 1717, married Lydia Regester; John, born 1719, married Margaret ———.

Of the children of Joseph above-mentioned, Nehemiah, who married Lydia Regester, was the father of the subject of this sketch. The family of Nehemiah and Lydia Baker numbered three sons and four daughters, namely: Mary, Joseph, Annie, Lydia, who married John Richards; Nathan, who married Elizabeth Baker; Phebe, who married Aaron Baker, and Nehemiah, who married Anna Baker. The three last mentioned married second cousins. Possibly the strong sectarianism of those early times had something to do with this intermarriage. The Bakers of that day were strict Quakers or Friends, a sect that did not permit its members to marry outside of the church. Those disobeying this rule were disowned by the church.

Nathan Baker, Sr., and Elizabeth his (first) wife, first settled in New Jersey, afterwards removing to Chester County, Pa. Their children were eight in number, of whom the following is a brief record:

(1) Aaron, born 1775, married Ruth Jordan and settled on the old homestead. Their children with (in some cases) dates of birth, were: Elizabeth, born 1801; Nathan, 1803; Aaron L., 1807; Joseph, Rebecca, 1811; Nehemiah, Anna, Jesse, John and Jirman.

(2) Lydia, born 1777, married Benjamin Townsend, and their children were: Elizabeth, born 1798; Edith, 1800; Esther, 1802; Nathan, 1804; Louisa, 1807; Jesse, 1809; Aaron, 1811; Mary, 1814, and Joseph, 1816. Lydia and her family resided in Columbiana County, Ohio.

(3) Nehemiah, born 1779, married Eliza Pyle and they settled on a farm adjoining the old Baker homestead in Washington County, Pa. Their children were Phebe, born 1812; Jane, 1813; Lydia, 1815; Nathan, 1816; Martha, 1818; George Palmer, 1819; John, 1821, and Nehemiah, 1824.

(4) David, born 1781, married Margaret Robins and settled on Fishpot Run, near the old homestead, where they both died. Their children were: Elisabeth, born 1805, died 1872; Hiram, born 1807, died 1891; Sarah, born 1813, died 1902; Enoch, born 1815, died 1882; Jane Robins, born 1818, died 1878; Emeline, born 1823, died 1880.

(5) Mary, born 1784, became the wife of Joshua Linton, and they resided near Centerville, Washington

County, Pa. They had seven children: Hannah, born 1808; Hiram, 1810; Nathan, 1813; David, 1815; Eliza, 1817; Edward, 1823, and Henry, 1827.

(6) Joseph, born 1786, married Mary Corwin, and settled near Amity, Washington County, Pa. Their children were: Eunice, born, 1818; Alpheas, 1821; Stephen, 1824; Sophia, 1826; Aseneth, 1829; Enoch, 1832; Zachariah, 1835; Ruth, 1837, and David W., 1842.

(7) Enoch, born 1778, married Elizabeth Jennings, and they resided near Lone Pine, Washington County. Their children were: Nathan, born 1816; Lemuel, 1818; Elma, 1820; Permelia, 1822; David, 1826; Lucinda, 1828, and Daniel, 1832.

(8) Nathan, the eighth child of Nathan Sr. and Elizabeth Baker, was born in 1791. He married Abigail (or Abigail) Ruble, and settled in Columbiana County, Ohio. Their children were: Lavina, born 1822; Mary Ann, 1824; Levi R., 1825; Matilda, 1827; David, 1829; Albert, 1831, and Hiram, 1833.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, first wife of Nathan Baker, Sr., died about 1795, and was buried in Chester County. He subsequently married for his second wife Hannah Jordan, of which union were born four children—William, Israel, Hannah and Mahlon. The following is their record in brief.

William, born 1797, married Elizabeth Corwin, and settled in Knox County, Ohio. His children were Rachel, born 1820; John, 1823; Stephen, 1825; Hannah, 1828; Mary, 1830, and Daniel, 1836. Israel, born 1799, married Mary Edwards, and settled in Licking County, Ohio. He and his wife had a large family, numbering twelve children, namely: Enoch, born 1822; Timothy, 1823; Jackson Onek, 1825; Nancy, 1827; Hannah, 1828; Mary, 1832; Phebe, 1834; Mahlon, 1837; Malinda, 1839; Eliza, 1842; Elias, 1847, and Malissa, 1850. Hannah, born 1801, married William Regester and settled on a farm adjoining the homestead in Washington County. Her children were Mary, Anna, Delilah, Lavina, Mahlon, Francis and William T., born 1841. Mahlon, (fourth child of Nathan Baker, Sr., by his second wife Hannah) was born in 1803, married Jane Craig, and settled in Greene County, Pa. Their children were Emeline, Joseph, Hannah, Rachel and Sarah.

About the time of his marriage to his second wife, Hannah Jordan, Nathan Baker, Sr., moved from Chester County to Washington County, taking up a farm on Fishpot Run, where he engaged in agriculture and in the operation of a saw-mill, which stood on the farm. He also dealt in live stock, and it was while he was on a business expedition east of the mountains, with a drove of horses, that he took sick and died. He was buried beside his first wife. His descendants are many and widely scattered, a majority of them being located in the States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois,

though quite a number may be found in other States of the Union. They occupy various walks in life, and are for the most part successful, and practically all are worthy and useful citizens of the respective communities in which they reside. In religion they are Protestants, while politically a large majority adhere to the Republican party. In spite of their Quaker ancestry, quite a number responded to their country's call during the Civil War and took up arms in defence of the Union.

GEORGE VANCE HARSHA, who is numbered among Canonsburg's most successful business men and leading citizens, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1850, and is a son of William and Harriet (Fee) Harsha.

William Harsha, father of George V., was born in Chartiers Township, and was a son of Thomas Harsha, whose other children were: Julia, who became the wife of George Cowan; and Nancy, who married a Mr. Speer. William Harsha owned and cultivated a farm in Chartiers Township, near Houstonville, and died there when his son, George Vance Harsha, was about twelve years old. He married Harriet Fee, who was also born in Chartiers Township and was a daughter of William Fee, and a sister of John and William G. Fee, the latter of whom was a successful teacher. To William and Harriet Harsha were born three sons and two daughters: William G., who resides at Canonsburg, served as a soldier in the Civil War as a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves; Elizabeth, who resides at No. 311 West Pike street, Canonsburg, is the widow of H. A. Houston, whose death occurred December 25, 1908, and he also served as a soldier in the regiment with her brother; Sarah Jane, who is the wife of W. M. Hutcheson, residing near Wheeling, W. Va.; and Thomas H. and George V., both of whom reside at Canonsburg. The mother of the above family is a member of the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church, while the father was a member of the Hill Presbyterian Church.

George Vance Harsha remained on the farm until after the death of his father, and went to the country schools. When about thirteen years old he accompanied his mother to Canonsburg and later was engaged in the produce business for some years and then became a manufacturer of blankets, an industry he carried on until in February, 1887, when his place was destroyed by fire. Since then he has devoted his attention largely to handling and improving real estate. In 1896 he erected the handsome three-story brick building at Canonsburg, known as the Harsha Block, which is fitted up for stores and offices. In large measure, Mr. Harsha is a self-made man and his success in his undertakings proves what may be accomplished by the exercise of the proper activities, backed by sterling character. His family has been

mainly Democratic in its political affiliations, but he claims the right to cast his vote for the candidate who, in his judgment, seems best qualified to carry out the laws.

THOMAS R. STRAIN, a respected citizen and excellent farmer of Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., where he owns 125 acres of well cultivated land, was born in Brooke County, W. Va., and is a son of William P. and Margaret R. (Wallace) Strain.

The parents of Mr. Strain spent their whole lives in West Virginia and their remains rest in the old burying ground of the family in Brooke County. During the Civil War, the father was colonel of the Home Guards, a local organization. He was a Republican in his political views. He married Margaret R. Wallace and they had the following family: E. W., D. J., William A., Thomas R., Annie M., Frank R. and Randall R., four of whom died in infancy. Annie, who was the wife of James McCull, is also deceased. The family was reared in the United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas R. Strain first attended the old time subscription schools and later the public schools and then assisted his father on the farm. He came to Pennsylvania as a workman in the oil fields and spent three years in oil refining in Allegheny County. On December 25, 1878, he was married to Miss Irene Amspoker, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ault) Amspoker, the latter coming from Jefferson County, Ohio. They were old residents of Hanover Township and the farm which Mr. Strain has owned for many years was the old homestead of the Amspoker family, belonging originally to Alexander Hill and being bought by Mrs. Strain's father in the forties. After the death of Samuel Amspoker, his widow in a few years contracted a second marriage with Jacob Wright, who is also deceased. The children born to Samuel Amspoker and wife were: Mary, who died, aged fourteen years; Margaret, who married William Porter; Irene, who married Thomas R. Strain; Emma, who married I. P. Klein; Ella, who married D. J. Strain, a brother of Thomas R.; and Samuel, who is an attorney at Washington, Pa. Of Mrs. Amspoker's second marriage were born: Charles, Ina, Herbert A. and Verne.

Mr. and Mrs. Strain have had four children: Anna L., a beautiful young woman, who died in her twenty-second year; Leon L.; Mary, who married Roy Burdette, and has one son, Kenneth Burdette; and Gladys, who resides at home. Mr. Strain and family belong to the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in politics, but cares little for political office. He served one term as assistant assessor of Hanover Township and has always been interested in the advancement of the public schools. His own children have enjoyed advantages that were attainable by few when he was young.

ASHBURY B. WEBB, a retired grocer of Washington, Pa., who for more than a quarter of a century was identified with the business interests of this city, was born November 12, 1849, at Port Homer, Ohio, a son of Theodore and Mary A. C. (Ward) Webb.

Theodore Webb died in 1860 at Washington, where for many years he was engaged in the shoe business. He was the first toll-gate keeper on the upper Ten-Mile Plank Road. After his death his widow removed to West Chestnut street, Washington, Pa.

Ashbury B. Webb was reared in Washington, Pa., where he pursued a course of studies under a private teacher. When about fifteen years of age he began working in the mines, digging coal by day, and studying at night. He subsequently went to Pittsburg, where he was in the employ of Joseph Duncanson & Brother for some time, then returned to Washington and engaged in coal mining at Meadow Land. He was engaged for four years in the lightning rod business in South Strabane Township. Later he returned to Washington, where for more than a quarter of a century he was very successfully engaged in the grocery business, but for the past few years he has been living in retirement. Mr. Webb is a Democrat in politics, and was at one time nominated reelected on that ticket, but defeated. He is a director in the Washington County Building and Loan Association, and a member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Webb was joined in marriage with Matilda Hartman, of Beallsville, Pa., who died March 30, 1896. They were the parents of three children, as follows: Mary, who married Henry Olsen, and resides with her father; Sadie, wife of Carl Speuer, residing in North Carolina; and Della A., the wife of H. F. Matteson, of Washington, D. C., who has been a government employee for many years.

FREDERICK ALRUTZ, one of Hopewell Township's most enterprising and progressive farmers and stock raisers, owns 173 acres of finely developed land and also is interested in operating a saw-mill and a threshing machine. He was born in Canton Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1852, and is a son of Christopher and Melsenia (Kinamont) Alrutz.

The parents came to America from near Hanover, Germany, in 1852. As they had little means they were obliged to take passage on a sailing vessel and were on the Atlantic Ocean for eight weeks. When they finally reached Washington County they had nothing left with which to begin life in the new land, except sound health and the cheerful courage which caused them to accept any kind of work that came first to hand. They were kind, good people and with the help of his wife, Christopher Alrutz soon began to prosper. After acquiring

his first tract of land, he kept on adding to it until, at the time of his death, in 1886, he owned 356 acres. It represented years of industry, constant frugality and excellent business qualities. Their first child, Charles F., was born in Germany and now lives in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. The first child born in America was Frederick, the subject of this article. The second was Louisa, who married Augustus Sebright, and resides with her husband in Mt. Pleasant Township.

Frederick Alrutz attended school, at least during the winter seasons, until he was thirteen years old, but after that his time was fully taken up with farm duties. He remained at home helping his father. With his brother, Charles F., he owns and operates a threshing machine and also a saw-mill; they also own a hay baler. They are recognized as being among the most up-to-date and enterprising agriculturists of this section. They were the first men in Washington County to buy and operate a steam threshing-machine. This was a small one of four-horsepower, which has been replaced by the most modern kind of a machine, a sixteen-horsepower Huber engine.

Mr. Alrutz is a man who has had much domestic affliction. He was first married December 30, 1896, to Carolina M. Miller, of Butler County. She died January 30, 1901, leaving an infant son, Albert Christopher, who is now living. On May 20, 1903, Mr. Alrutz contracted a second marriage, with Annie Guintner, a daughter of John Guintner, of Pittsburgh. After two years her health failed and in 1907, after a little more than four years of married life, she passed away, leaving Mr. Alrutz again a widower, with four small children—three sons and one daughter. On April 14, 1908, his daughter, Florence L., disappeared, leaving home in company with a woman then employed by him as housekeeper. This was a source of great trouble to him and he spent a year or more in trying to recover her, the search, which proved fruitless, costing him over seven hundred dollars. But finally by a great effort, having done all he could, he put this trouble from his mind and gave his full attention once more to his regular occupation.

On September 1, 1909, Mr. Alrutz was again united in marriage, this time to Miss Elizabeth Jacobs, a daughter of George and Barbara (Krehbs) Jacobs, of Allegheny. Mr. and Mrs. Alrutz are members of the Lutheran Church at Hickory, of which he was formerly a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never served in any office except that of inspector of elections. In material affairs he is one of Hopewell Township's successful men.

MARTIN CHAMAR, a highly respected retired resident of McDonald, Pa., was born in France, June 26, 1844, and is a son of John Paul and Anna (Taylor)

Chamar. The parents both died in France, and all of their family of eleven sons and one daughter have also passed away except Martin, who has been a resident of the United States for forty-one years.

In August, 1868, Mr. Chamar left his native land, taking passage on a vessel that subsequently safely landed him in the port of New York. From there he came to the Pittsburgh district, Pennsylvania. Until he was eighteen years of age, he had assisted his father on their little farm, but then went to work in the coal mines. From comrades in America he had learned of better industrial conditions than those which existed in his own province and with the hope of bettering his condition he came, as related, to the Pennsylvania mining districts. He found remunerative employment and for a number of years followed the life of a coal miner, escaping all its dangers and living to enjoy a comfortable old age, with his family around him.

On December 26, 1872, Martin Chamar was married to Miss Sadie Schollaert, the youngest child of Seraphine and Theresa Schollaert, natives of Belgium. Mrs. Chamar has four brothers: Peter, Victor, Elmo and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Chamar have two children, Victor and Nora, the latter of whom is a skillful telephone operator.

Victor Chamar was born at Noblestown, Pa., February 26, 1886. He attended the public schools at Sturgeon, Pa., and the high school at McDonald, after which he worked in the coal mines for eighteen months. While he was doing this he took a commercial course with the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pa., receiving a diploma after graduating. He then entered the employ of Louis Chambon, and was with him in the grocery business for six years, going then to the Federal Supply Company and later was manager for one year of a store for the Valley Supply Company. In the spring of 1909 he purchased his present business from D. C. Brown and has made it the leading grocery business in McDonald, carrying a first-class stock and using honorable methods to attract customers. Like his respected father, he is a Republican in his political views. He is a member of the McDonald Volunteer Fire Department, an organization that for the last four years has taken the first prize at the State conventions for drill. He is identified with Lodge No. 64, Odd Fellows, at Pittsburgh; the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 30, at McDonald, and of La Solidarite, a French fraternity, at McDonald. He was reared by careful parents in the faith of the Catholic Church.

SAMUEL Z. WINER, who is conducting a large and successful mercantile business at California, Pa., is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of this borough. His birth took place in Russia, in July, 1876. His parents were Yancy and Sylvia Rose Winer.





ARCHIBALD H. ALLISON



The mother never saw America, dying in her native land, but the father followed his son to the United States, and died in 1903, in Fayette County, Pa.

Samuel Z. Winer went to school in Russia and received a good elementary schooling. Before leaving his native province he followed the business of a dairyman. His prospects were not encouraging there, however, the laws of the land being too restrictive of individual liberty, hence he decided to try his fortune in America. He reached this country in 1899 and the following year embarked in the mercantile business, in a small way, at California, this county, in a build'g next to his present location. Although he had had little previous experience in this line and was handicapped by having but an imperfect knowledge of the English language, he soon proved that he possessed the qualities necessary for success—enterprise, perseverance, courtesy and honesty. Possessing the natural aptitude of his race for learning languages, he soon acquired a practical knowledge of English, and each year his business grew until by 1905 he had so large a trade that he found it necessary to secure more commodious quarters, and on November 15, 1905, he moved his stock into his own building, a two-story brick block, on Third street, which he had erected. Here Mr. Winer has since continued, having a constantly increasing patronage. He carries a large and carefully selected stock, including clothing, gent's furnishings, shoes, haberdashery, etc., and has fully established himself in the public confidence.

In 1903 Mr. Winer was married to Miss Jennie L. Cohn, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pa. They have three children, namely: Sylvia Rose, Arthur Yancy and Sidney. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows.

ARCHIBALD H. ALLISON, a prominent citizen of the borough of Houston, Pa., and a native of Chartiers Township, Washington County, was born Nov. 24, 1828, a son of Hugh and Jane (Gabby) Allison, and a grandson of John and Jane (Brownlee) Allison.

The grandparents were natives of the highlands of Scotland and when they emigrated to America they settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1768, and on April 5, 1786, they obtained a patent for 415 acres of land. They located on that land and continued to add to the original parcel until they owned 640 acres. All their nine children died in Washington County except the eldest, Galvin, who died in Butler County. He left a daughter and he was not only the great-grandfather of an Allison strain, but was the same in relationship to the late President William McKinley. The other members of his family were: John, who died in 1804; Archibald, in 1835; William, in 1864; James, in 1810; Thomas, in 1840; Ebenezer, in 1812; Hugh, in 1853, and Jane, John

Allison died in March, 1790, and was survived for a few years by his widow.

Hugh Allison, father of Archibald H., was born on the home farm in Chartiers Township, in 1773, and in every sense was a successful man. He made farming his business in life. In 1791 he married Jane Irwin, a native of Washington County, who died in 1795, leaving a daughter, Jane, who became the wife of George Morrison. Mrs. Morrison died in 1871, at Mattauon, Coles County, Ill., leaving seven children. In 1798 Hugh Allison was married (second) to Jane Brownlee, a native of Washington County, who died in 1802, the mother of two children: Eliza, who married William Scott and later moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, where she died, leaving seven children; and Annie, who died in Washington County, at the age of fourteen years. In 1804 Hugh Allison married Rebecca McBride and to them the following children were born: Maria, who became the wife of Hugh Lee, moved to Henderson County, Illinois, where she died; Rebecca, who was the wife of John C. Hanna, died in Washington County, the mother of four children; Hugh and James, both of whom died in infancy; John, who was married three times, moved to Henderson County, Illinois, where he died, leaving a large family; Thomas, who died in Henderson County, Illinois, in 1869, married a Miss Graham; and a babe that died in infancy. The mother of this family died in 1818. In 1820 Hugh Allison married Jane Gabby, a native of Washington County and a daughter of James and Janet (Brownlee) Gabby. They were natives of Maryland, who came to Washington County at an early day from near Chambersburg.

The children of this last marriage were eight in number, Archibald H., of Houston, being the fourth in order of birth. The others were: Jane G., born June 11, 1822, married Joseph McNary, of Chartiers Township, and they had nine children; James G., born September 18, 1824, married Mary Gabby and they moved to Nuckolls County, Nebraska, and had ten children born to them; Margaret, born March 11, 1826, is the widow of E. K. Rodgers and the mother of six children; Archibald H.; Hugh Brownlee, born April 20, 1830, was married (first) to Mary Jane Gabby and four of their five children are deceased with their mother, and he married (second) and afterward moved to Des Moines, Iowa; an infant, born November 20, 1832, died in infancy; Annie Henderson, born June 27, 1833, lives in Houston; and Ebenezer, born August 12, 1835. He resides in a fine residence in Canonsburg but retains his valuable farm in Chartiers Township. In 1873 he married Orpha Jane Hays.

Hugh Allison was an active worker in the United Presbyterian Church and was chosen an elder when but twenty years of age. He attended all the synods and meetings of the Presbytery and was present at the con-

vention that made slavery a question of communion. He was an ardent advocate of the temperance cause. In politics a strong Whig, he worked for the success of the principles of that party. At various times he accepted offices of public trust, the duties of which he performed with faithfulness. He held a commission in the state militia with the rank of major. His death occurred in Washington County September 3, 1853. His widow survived until December 14, 1870.

Archibald H. Allison was reared on the home farm and obtained his education partly in the public schools and partly under private teachers. During a portion of his early manhood he taught school, but the greater part of his active life was given to agricultural pursuits. He owns a highly cultivated farm of 125 acres, on which he erected substantial buildings. He sold the coal under his land for \$200 per acre and also has had gas developed on his farm. Mr. Allison married Miss Mary E. Williamson, a daughter of Samuel Williamson, of Illinois. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Republican and formerly took an active part in the public affairs of Chartiers Township and frequently served in important offices. He was a member of the convention which opposed what was called "Know-Nothingism," which between 1846 and 1855 was a menace to public liberties. Mr. Allison's life has been busy, useful and beneficent and in its evening he is in the quiet enjoyment of the compensations that such a life brings.

WILLIAM HOSACK PAXTON, president of the First National Bank of Canonsburg, Pa., treasurer of the Canonsburg Iron and Steel Works, and a member of the firm of Paxton Brothers, extensive dealers in live stock, is one of the most prominent men in the business and financial circles of Washington County. He was born in Canonsburg, March 9, 1846, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wilson) Paxton.

The Paxton family was established in Washington County by Mr. Paxton's grandfather, John Paxton, who came from York County, Pa. as early as 1782, and since that time it has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the county and its institutions.

John Paxton was born in Canton Township, Washington County, Pa. September 10, 1810, and when quite young accompanied his parents to Chartiers Township. At the age of sixteen he left the home farm and went to Washington borough, where he learned the trade of saddler and harness maker which he followed until 1856. He then turned his attention to butchering and stock dealing and was thus occupied for many years. His death occurred December 24, 1890. In early manhood he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Wilson) Power, who was a daughter

of Henry and Jane (Dill) Wilson, her mother being a daughter of Rev. Thomas Dill. Mrs. Paxton was born December 10, 1809, and died October 29, 1858. She was married first to a Mr. Power, and by this marriage had two daughters, Margaret, who married Thomas Bell and died in 1889, leaving a daughter, Anna Bell; and Anna, who married David Hart. Of her second marriage were born children as follows: Wilson N.; Thomas, who was a member of Co. D, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was killed while doing picket duty at Spottsylvania, May 9, 1864; Martha Jane, who died unmarried, January 24, 1890; Rev. John R. Paxton, D. D., a prominent minister of New York; William Hosack; Oliver L., born March 23, 1848, who became a business man of Canonsburg; Mary E., who married Rev. W. F. Conner, a Methodist minister of Johnstown, Pa., and has two daughters, Mabel and Bessie; and Mathew H.

At the commencement of the Civil War William H. Paxton was a student in Jefferson College. As three of his brothers were serving in the Union army, it soon became necessary for him to give up his studies in order to contribute to the support of the family. However, when the Confederate forces were invading Pennsylvania and Gov. Curtin issued a call for volunteers, Mr. Paxton was one who responded and loyally assisted in repelling the enemy. Notwithstanding the many difficulties which confronted him in early life, not the least of which was his disappointment over not being able to complete his college course, by energy and perseverance he surmounted them all and has achieved a gratifying degree of success, now ranking among the foremost men of affairs in Washington County. His financial interests are many and varied, including besides those mentioned above, a profitable interest in the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company. Mr. Paxton was one of the promoters of this great enterprise, his associates being Charles Meyran, Samuel Munnell, John F. Budke and H. S. Duncan. The first wells were drilled and the first lines laid in 1885. The company's original capital was \$300,000, which was subsequently increased to \$600,000 and still later to \$25,000,000. In politics, Mr. Paxton is a Republican. Unlike many men of large affairs, he possesses a courtesy of manner that indicates the true gentleman and is calculated to win friendship. He owns a handsome residence at No. 68 East Pike street, Canonsburg.

JAMES RYAN, deceased, who for a number of years was one of the prominent citizens of Donegal Township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits, was born in Steubenville, Ohio, a son of Martin and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Ryan.

The parents of Mr. Ryan, who were natives of County Galway, Ireland, came to the United States in 1847, and



W. H. PAXTON



in 1854 located in Washington County, Pa. Martin Ryan died when his son was still a child, and early in life he was forced to go out in the world to earn his own living and as a result received but a meagre education, which, however, was augmented by careful observation and much reading in after life. While still a lad of tender years, Mr. Ryan was given the position of water boy on the gravel train of the old Hempfield road by Conductor Billy Murphy, the old "Bob Fulton," well remembered by the older residents, being the engine used to pull this train, and his wages went to support the family. Later the family lived in Irishtown, now Chestnut street, Washington, and he ran a stationary engine for S. C. and B. Hayes, carriage and wagon makers, and learned his trade as blacksmith with that firm. He also worked with Hayes & Wilson, and later was employed at Youngstown and Beaver, and with Charles Hughes at Venice, where he purchased the outfit of Mr. Thompson. From 1881 to 1891 he was associated with his brother, Michael Ryan, in the carriage factory, afterwards working for John Bethel, W. Forgie and the Petroleum Iron Works. In the spring of 1896 he located in Donegal Township, where until his death he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Ryan was a faithful member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for a long period, but for the last ten years of his life was connected with the Church of the Sacred Heart at Claysville. He died December 6, 1908, after an illness of four months, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery near West Alexander. A staunch Democrat in his political views, Mr. Ryan served as the second Burgess of West Washington, Pa., and he was always a public-spirited citizen and a great friend of education. Himself a self-made man, he was ever ready to help those who were struggling to help themselves, and his large-hearted, genial nature made him many friends throughout his community.

On January 16, 1883, Mr. Ryan was married to Anna M. Cain, who was born May 5, 1863, in Donegal Township, daughter of John and Ann (Egan) Cain. The widow now lives on the farm of 116 acres in Donegal Township, which she devotes to general farming, and she is well and favorably known in her locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Ryan there were born six children, namely: Mary E., John M., Catherine A., Agnes B., Michael and James T. John M. Ryan is an employe of the Pittsburg Railways Company at Pittsburg, Pa.

JOHN SCOTT, JR., whose well improved farm of eighty-eight and one-half acres is situated in a very desirable part of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in this township, four miles north-east of Hickory, June 3, 1837. His father was Joseph Scott and his grandfather was Samuel Scott.

Samuel Scott was born in Ireland in 1751 and was young when he accompanied his brothers and sisters to America. It is not definitely known where he lived before reaching Lancaster County, Pa., but there he bought a wagon and team of horses and went west to Bedford Springs, in Bedford County, and after he married, he lived at Mingo Creek. From there, in 1795, he moved to a farm in Allegheny County, in a section then counted a part of Washington County. He rented 300 acres of land and the purchase of it is recorded November 3, 1799, he paying 516 pounds in specie. This farm was near Union Church in Allegheny County. On May 4, 1805, he bought a farm of over 309 acres, along Miller's Run, in Washington County, in Mt. Pleasant Township, and the farm of his grandson, John Scott, is a part of this purchase. It is calculated that he paid about \$8 an acre for this land, the sale being recorded in deed book T, folio 296, Washington County, February 10, 1806. This land was a part of the patent given by the British king to John, Earl of Dunmore, Governor of the colony of Virginia, and became the property of George and Martha Washington, on June 1, 1796.

Samuel Scott replaced his pioneer log cabin with a two-story house in 1806 and lived here during the remainder of his life, his death occurring December 27, 1819. He was married in 1776 to Elizabeth, a sister of Rev. J. R. Wilson, who was a great Covenanter preacher. She died February 13, 1827, being seventy-eight years of age. They were both interred in the Union Cemetery, on the Stenbenville turnpike road.

Joseph Scott, father of John, was born in Allegheny County, Pa., in 1786. On April 10, 1809, he married Margaret McCurdy, who died June 4, 1827, and was buried in the Robinson Run Cemetery. Her father, Hugh McCurdy, was a native of Ireland. To this marriage eight children were born: Samuel, Hugh, Eliza, Andrew, John, William, Mary Jane, and Joseph L. Joseph Scott was married (second) April 10, 1829, to Sarah Douglass, who was born May 4, 1795, a daughter of Patrick Douglass, and six children were born to this second union: Nancy, Margaret, Nancy (2), Robert D., James and John. Joseph Scott served under Gen. Harrison in the War of 1812, being first lieutenant of his company. He built the large barn in 1832 in which religious services were often held thereafter. He was a faithful member of the Miller's Run Covenanter Church and was buried in the cemetery there, his death occurring May 14, 1861.

John Scott attended what was known as the Cockins School in District No. 5, Mt. Pleasant Township, where many of his neighbors also obtained their early education. He remained at home working on the farm until 1887, having been in partnership with his brother James, and when this was dissolved, John Scott took sixty acres and James Scott, 150 acres, making amicable arrange-

ments. Mr. Scott resided on his sixty-acre farm until 1888, when he moved to a farm adjoining the homestead, where he lived for ten years. In 1898 he bought his present farm from J. G. Berry, and has greatly improved the place. He keeps cows for dairy purposes and carries on general farming.

On May 18, 1880, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Lizzié Bolton, a daughter of David Bolton, and they have had four children, namely: A. Walter, who was born July 16, 1881, died September 4, 1899, and was buried in the Covenant Cemetery in Chartiers Township; W. Howard, who was born July 22, 1883; Cora A., who was born August 22, 1885, and died October 25, 1905; and J. Ray, who was born February 8, 1890, and died February 11, the same year. Mr. Scott and family are members of the Covenant Church.

J. W. PHILLIPS, superintendent of the Griffiths Charcoal Tin Mills, of Washington, Pa., has been a resident of this city since 1896. He was born in South Wales, in 1836, and was reared in his native country, where he learned the art of manufacturing tin plate, and since the age of twenty-six years he has been employed as superintendent of different mills in England and America.

Mr. Phillips came to this country in 1853, locating first in Scottdale, Westmoreland County, Pa., where he was for some time superintendent of the sheet mills, but subsequently took charge of the corrugating department of the Standard Mills of Bridgeport, Ohio. He later became superintendent of the sheet mills at Cumberland, Md., where he continued until 1896, at which time he came to Washington to serve in the same capacity in the tin mills established in Washington County. He held this latter position until the mills were sold to the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, after which he had charge of various mills for the United States Steel Company. He then went to Waynesburg, Pa., where he had charge of mills until 1906, in which year he came to Washington as superintendent of the Griffiths Charcoal Tin Mills, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a thoroughly practical man in his line of industry and has never failed to make his services valuable to his employers.

Mr. Phillips was married in 1862 to Louisa Spooner, and they have had the following children: Fred, who is a resident of Waynesburg, Pa.; Edwin, who lives in West Virginia; Edgar, of Waynesburg; Arthur, a resident of Cambridge, Ohio; Herbert, residing in Wheeling, W. Va.; Sidney, residing at Cumberland, Md.; William, who lives in Washington, Pa.; Granville, who died at Washington, Pa., in 1896; and Minnie Louise, who lives at home. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington.

WILLIAM SPRINGER GRIMES, whose fine old stone mansion stands along the National turnpike road, two miles west of West Brownsville, in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., is the owner of 336 acres of valuable land, 220 of which constitutes the Dr. Malden farm. Mr. Grimes was born in East Pike Run Township, on a place about five miles north of his present farm, October 11, 1852, a son of William and Margaret Ann (Springer) Grimes.

The Grimes family traces its ancestry in America to John Grimes, who was the great-grandfather of William Springer Grimes. He may have been born in South Carolina, as he came from there to Maryland and had settled near Elizabeth, Pa., before the National Pike was built. In old age he came to spend his remaining days with his son, Isaac Grimes, in Washington County.

Isaac Grimes was born and reared near Elizabeth, in Allegheny County, and after learning the blacksmith's trade followed it at Coal Center until he had acquired sufficient capital to buy a farm in Allen Township. That farm he subsequently sold and bought property in East Pike Run Township, where he died. At the time of his death he owned three farms, one of them now being owned by his grandson, William S. Grimes. It was purchased in 1857 and has since remained in the family.

William Grimes, son of Isaac, was born in 1822, in Greenfield, now Coal Center, and was sixteen years of age when his father moved to Allen Township, where they lived for two years, and he accompanied his parents to the new farm. He married Margaret Ann, a daughter of William Springer, and she was the mother of the following children: William Springer; Leroy C., who lives at Alliance, Ohio; Mary Belle, who died in 1880, and was the wife of T. H. Theakston, of Centerville, and Annie, who died in May, 1902, and who was the wife of Dr. Miller, of Fayette County.

When William Springer Grimes was five years old his parents moved to a farm in West Pike Run Township, and on that farm, which he now owns, he was reared. His father died there in November, 1880, the mother having passed away in 1878. Although he has been engaged in farming practically all his life, Mr. Grimes is remembered, both in Washington and Fayette Counties, as having been a very successful teacher for a number of years. After completing the common school course he attended the State Normal School at California, Pa. For twenty years after his marriage, Mr. Grimes resided on the Grimes homestead farm, in West Pike Run Township, but in 1895 moved to his present farm. The stone mansion was partly built in 1822 and was completed a few years later. For many years it was used as a tavern and in early days many noted people tarried under its roof for a season. A pleasant



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little story is told about the building of the great stone chimneys, a feature of the house. It is said that while they were being constructed a traveler passed by on the National road and became so interested that he climbed up the workmen's ladder. The workmen were greatly astonished and pleased when they discovered that the stranger, who cordially shook hands with them, was no less a personage than Henry Clay. In its general appearance the old mansion has been preserved, but Mr. Grimes has completely remodeled the interior, installing modern conveniences, the house being provided with furnaces, bath rooms, and a supply of hot and cold water. An old stone barn, built in 1822, also stands on the farm. Mr. Grimes' house stands in East Pike Run Township, but his barns are in Centerville borough, about a third of the land being so located. His farm of 116 acres in West Pike Run Township is operated as a dairy farm by his son-in-law, J. F. Watkins. Mr. Grimes and wife are members of the Grange.

Mr. Grimes married Miss Maria E. Dorsey, a daughter of George and Martha (Phillips) Dorsey, and they have had eight children, all of whom survive except the second born, Elvie L., who died in February, 1902, aged twenty-six years. The others are: Nora E., who married J. F. Watkins, and has four children—Edith, Margery, William and John; Margaret, who married Harry Wolf, and has three children—Ramah, Katherine and Elizabeth; George Dorsey, who lives at home, and William C., Martha, Mansell F. and Paul, all of whom remain at home.

**WILLIAM F. BORCHERS**, who for twenty-three years has been a representative business citizen of Washington, has been identified with the oil and gas industry almost ever since he began industrial life. He was born in Montour County, Pa., in 1859, and was ten years old when his parents moved to Scranton, Pa., where he was reared and educated.

Like many another man, Mr. Borchers began the battle of life when scarcely past his boyhood days, finding employment in the oil fields of Butler County at first in a humble capacity, but later becoming a prominent operator, not only in the Butler fields, but also in those of Venango, McKean and Washington, in Pennsylvania, those of Pleasant County, W. Va., Belmont County, Ohio, and in the Louisiana fields. His present operations are mainly confined to Ohio and West Virginia. His long and varied experience has made him an authority on all matters pertaining to this great industry.

In December, 1883, Mr. Borchers was married to Miss Minnie M. Ruch, of Stenton, Northampton County, Pa., and they are the parents of three children—Christine, who is the wife of W. E. Walsh, Esq., of Pittsburg; and Marie A. and William F., Jr., both of whom reside at

home. Mr. Borchers and family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, he belonging also to the official board. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, is past officer of Chapter and Commandery, treasurer of the Council, and is a life member of Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg. He is also a charter member of the Elk lodge at Washington.

**SAMUEL GAREE**, one of Washington's representative business men, interested in various prospering enterprises, was born in 1867, in West Bethlehem Township, near Zollarsville, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Brewer Garee, who, in early life was a cooper, but later engaged in farm pursuits.

Samuel Garee was about eighteen months old when his parents moved into Greene County, Pa., where they lived until he was thirteen years of age, when the family came back to Washington County. Mr. Garee was educated in the common schools, and for fourteen years taught school in Washington County before coming to make his permanent home in the city.

He has always taken an active interest in educational matters and served as a member of the Washington school board, where he gave a liberal portion of his time and energies to serving what he considered to be the best interests of the schools.

On September 8, 1900, Mr. Garee was married to Miss Lillian Leonard, a daughter of A. J. Leonard, of Washington County, and they have one son, John W. Mr. Garee is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

**W. CHARLES WIDDOWSON, M. D.\*** medical practitioner at Marianna, Pa., and physician and surgeon for the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, in May, 1879, and is a son of John and Jennie Widdowson, the latter of whom is deceased.

Dr. Widdowson attended the schools of Indiana County and then began the study of medicine, subsequently graduating from the medical department of the Louisville University, at Louisville, Ky. He then became a medical missionary in the western central part of Africa, where he spent three years and during that time had a large surgical practice and also gained much experience in treating the mysterious sleeping sickness prevailing among the natives. After he returned he located at Marianna and here is valued and trusted as an able and skillful physician and surgeon. Dr. Widdowson is a member of the Christian church. In his views on public questions he is a Prohibitionist.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER DICKSON**, a leading citizen of Canonsburg, was born in this town, June 14, 1860, son of Dr. James G. and Margaret H. (Buchanan)

Dickson. Both his parents were from the vicinity of Nobletstown, this county.

The Dickson family boasts a long genealogical record, which is authentic, having been carefully preserved and added to by the succeeding generations. The earliest known ancestor was one John Dickson, a merchant in Glasgow, Scotland, who was "a man of religious character and possessed of considerable wealth." He and his wife were the parents of Rev. David Dickson, born probably between 1583 and 1591, who was educated in the University of Glasgow, where he became a professor. Rev. David Dickson was appointed minister of Irvine in 1618 and made a wide reputation as a divine of great learning. In 1651 he became professor of divinity at Edinburgh University. His repudiation of the "Five Articles of Perth" in 1618 won for him much honor, though it also caused him to be persecuted. His biography and other of his writings have been preserved to the present day. He died in 1663.

John Dickson, a son of Rev. David, and next in the present line of descent, was a merchant in Edinburgh, Scotland, and established his sons, David and George, in mercantile business in Armagh, Ireland, as a branch of the Edinburgh house. Three of the sons of George, the Armagh merchant, came to America.

Andrew Dickson, one of the three brothers above mentioned, who came to America, brought his family with him to this country. He had married a Seeder girl in Armagh previous to his emigration. His six elder children were born in Ireland between the years 1734 and 1743, and the remaining four were born near Chambersburg, Pa., where their father had settled.

George Dickson, eldest son and second child of Andrew, was born December 7, 1735, and died in the fall of 1817. In 1770 he married Rachel McKee, then twenty-nine years of age, who was a daughter of James McKee, of Chambersburg, Pa. In 1772 George Dickson removed to Black Lick (now in Indiana County), accompanied by his younger brother, John, and bought 400 acres of land, on which they built a cabin. In 1774 he moved his family into the cabin, and he continued to clear and cultivate the land until 1778, when on account of a threatened Indian attack, they were obliged to desert their property and take refuge in Chambersburg. At this time the family numbered three small children—James, Andrew and Agnes. On their return to their property in 1782 George and his brother, John, found their cabin and other improvements destroyed. They journeyed southward in the direction of Pittsburg, and, finding some suitable land on the north branch of Miller's Run, George Dickson bought 440 acres from one Thomas Reed, a settler, who held it under a patent grant. John Dickson went further west, settling near Poland, Ohio.

The family of George Dickson numbered eight children, three sons and five daughters—James, Andrew, Agnes, Mary, Rachel, Hannah, Elizabeth and William.

William Dickson, son of George and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born August 2, 1791, in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He inherited the parental homestead and became a very successful farmer and sheep raiser. His flock of fine-wool Merino sheep was the first introduced into his neighborhood. He was a man highly respected for his honorable dealings. In 1817, the year of his father's death, he married Margaret Glenn, a daughter of James and Jennie (Buchanan) Glenn, who came to western Pennsylvania a few years subsequent to the arrival of William Dickson's parents. Margaret Glenn was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1791. The children of this union were as follows: Jennie Glenn, born 1818, died in infancy; Rachel, born July 18, 1820, married Robert Potter, died in 1909; George, born October 8, 1822, died 1904; James Glenn, born February 15, 1825, died November 13, 1903; Joseph, born December 10, 1826, died February 9, 1827; Mary J., born April 28, 1828, married James Clard, died December 11, 1905; Andrew and William (twins), born June 15, 1831 (Andrew died in infancy, May 5, 1832). The mother of these children died November 18, 1852, at the age of sixty-one years, and for his second wife William Dickson married, in 1857, Susan Atkins, who died March 1, 1872. Her husband followed her to the grave about two weeks later, March 18, and their remains repose in the cemetery at Robinson Run Church.

Dr. James Glenn Dickson was brought up on his father's farm in South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, and acquired his elementary education in the subscription schools of the neighborhood. He subsequently attended the public school for a few terms and received further instruction under the preceptorship of Rev. John M. French, pastor of the Associate Church at Nobletstown. In 1843 he entered Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1847 under the presidency of Dr. Robert J. Breckenridge, of Kentucky. In 1848 he began the study of medicine under Dr. J. V. Herriott, of Canonsburg, attending during the winters of 1849-50 and 1850-51 Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he received his diploma as a duly qualified physician in the spring of 1851. In the following summer he began the practice of his chosen profession at Mount Jackson, Lawrence County, Pa., where he remained one year. He then returned to Canonsburg, entering into a partnership with Dr. Herriott, his old preceptor. This connection lasted two years, and was broken by Dr. Herriott's removal to Philadelphia. Dr. Dickson subsequently continuing practice alone in Canonsburg. On Dr. Herriott's return a few years later the





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partnership was resumed and lasted three years, at the end of which Dr. Herriott removed to Valparaiso, Ind. Dr. Dickson continued the practice of his profession in Canonsburg until his death, which took place November 13, 1903. He had enjoyed an unbroken, most successful practice of over fifty years in Canonsburg, a longer period than has fallen to the lot of any other physician in the place. He was a man who held in large measure the confidence of his patients and the respect and esteem of his professional brethren, as well as of the community in general, and his death was greatly deplored by all who knew him. In early manhood he was a Whig in politics, but joined the Republican party on its formation. He and his family were members of the United Presbyterian Church, the doctor having united with it when it was known as the Associate Church. About 1885 Dr. Dickson erected a commodious family residence on the corner of Pike street and Greenside avenue.

Dr. Dickson was married September 4, 1856, to Margaret H. Buchanan, who was born February 28, 1828, in North Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., a daughter of Alexander and Mary Miller Buchanan. Two children were born of this marriage, namely, Mary Jeannette and William Alexander. The former attended Pershing's College, Pittsburg, Pa., and graduated with honors from Washington Seminary. Afterward Miss Dickson was enrolled as an art student in the seminary at Steubenville, Ohio.

Dr. Dickson's wife, the mother of William A. Dickson, died August 22, 1894.

William Alexander Dickson, whose name appears at the head of this article, obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Canonsburg, Pa. He later attended Jefferson Academy, then under the charge of Dr. Ewing, and subsequently attended Duff's Business College, Pittsburg. On September 24, 1885, he was married to Margaret Gabby Allison, a daughter of Hon. Jonathan and Margaret (Gabby) Allison. She died from typhoid fever a little less than a year later, on September 6, 1886, her death being followed some six weeks after by that of their infant daughter, Maggie Olive. On October 23, 1890, Mr. Dickson married for his second wife Mary Lizzie Martin, daughter of Dr. John W. and Elizabeth (Allison) Martin. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, namely: Ancita Marie, Margaret Elizabeth, James Edwin, John Glenn and William Allison.

James Edwin was born July 4, 1894, and died September 18, of the same year. Glenn, a bright, promising child of almost six years, was stricken with meningitis and died November 12, 1901, after a brief illness.

Ancita, the elder daughter, graduated from the Canonsburg High School and is now a member of the

senior class in Washington Seminary.

Margaret has an enviable record in grades of the senior class of the Canonsburg High School, of which class she is a member.

Mr. Dickson is one of the popular citizens of Canonsburg, and belongs to several social orders. He and his family are members of the Canonsburg (Greenside Avenue) United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dickson is serving a four years' term in the borough council, and furthering many of the marked and permanent improvements of the town.

WILLIAM EDWIN MARQUIS, ESQ., has resided all his lifetime on the farm where both he and his father, Eli Marquis, were born. The family is of French Huguenot stock. The early ancestors fled from France on account of religious persecution and settled in Ireland.

William Marquis and Margaret, his wife, came from Ireland about the year 1720, and with their son Thomas and daughter Mary settled in Frederick County, Virginia, near Winchester. Their son, Thomas, married Mary Colville, and to them were born seven children, namely: William, James, John, Thomas, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Anne.

Thomas, the fourth son of Thomas and Mary (Colville) Marquis, was the great-great-grandfather of our subject, William Edwin Marquis. This Thomas (second) is well known in early Washington County history as one of the first students under Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buffalo, and Rev. John McMillen, and as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Cross Creek from 1794 to 1826. He was born in Opequan Valley, Va., in 1753, and married Jane Park March 5, 1776, and removed about that date to the waters of Cross Creek. Both he and his wife were converted in 1778, while sheltered in Vance's Fort, avoiding the Indians. He was small in stature and features, but a thrilling and consecrated preacher. Thomas Marquis and his associates, such as Judge James Edgar and Joseph Patterson, made an everlasting impression and abiding religious sentiment in the northwestern portion of this county. Thomas died September 27, 1827, while visiting his son-in-law, the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, at Bellefontaine, Ohio. His wife Jane (Park) died January 19, 1841, in her ninety-first year.

James, the second son of Rev. Thomas and Jane (Park) and great-grandfather of our subject, was first married to Anne Marquis, a cousin, and after her death to Margaret McClure. His children were as follows: By his first wife, Thomas, William, James, John, Jane, Mary Anne, and Elizabeth; by his second wife, Robert, Uriah, Daniel, and George.

William Marquis, second son of James and Anne, married Letitia Griffith. He was a man of great strength,

and lived on his farm until his death, September 3, 1855, in his fifty-first year. Their children were Simeon, Anna Jane (Mrs. Lyle Patterson), Josiah, Eli, Rachel, Cynthia, John G., and Mary (Mrs. W. T. Magill). His wife Letitia, who was born August 18, 1804, died at Buffalo village June 20, 1882.

Eli Marquis, father of our subject, was born April 2, 1836, on the ancestral farm. His first marriage was with Isabella M. Reed, who left one child to survive her (Flora May, now wife of Joshua Pyles, residing in Westminster, Orange County, Cal.), and who died December 28, 1865, in her thirtieth year. His second marriage was with Nancy A. McNary and to them were born three children—Joseph Mc., William Edwin, and Rosa. Eli Marquis died suddenly of apoplexy July 19, 1907, on a wagon load of grain.

Joseph Mc. Marquis married Francie Allen and their three children all died in infancy, except Ethel, who lives with her mother in Cross Creek. Joseph Mc. was suddenly killed at a railroad crossing in Canton, Ohio, November 21, 1906. Rosa Bell intermarried with George Lowrey and resides in Hamlet, Cal.

William Edwin Marquis, the subject of this sketch, was born October 29, 1868, on the old homestead, two miles south of Cross Creek. He attended the public schools more or less regularly in his youthful days and since reaching man's estate has been engaged in farming and stock raising chiefly. For some thirteen years he has been interested in the fancy poultry business and has devoted a still longer time to raising Delaine sheep. This farm on which, as already stated, Mr. Marquis was born is a finely improved piece of agricultural property of 170 acres, framed in attractive surroundings. The residence is of modern construction and of neat and pleasing appearance, while the buildings for stock, poultry, and other purposes are well proportioned and of substantial character, and are conveniently and artistically grouped. The Beech Knob School House has been located on this farm for several generations. Mr. Marquis is a thoroughly practical and successful agriculturist. A Democrat in politics, he has served frequently in local offices—as justice of the peace, auditor, and road supervisor—and is a man who exerts much influence on account of his personal character.

On March 31, 1892, Mr. Marquis was married to Miss Sadie E. Bebout, a daughter of Frank and Martha (Van Nodstrand) Bebout. They have had children as follows: Robert V., born June 27, 1893; Harry E., born February 18, 1895; Walter H., born August 2, 1898; Thomas B., born May 26, 1900, who died at the age of three months; Mary E., born November 12, 1902; Charles A., born February 4, 1903, who died at the age of fourteen months; Ralph M., born July 25, 1904; and Alice G., born March 20, 1906. The two elder sons are

students in the high school of Cross Creek Township. The family belongs to the Presbyterian Church at Cross Creek village.

REV. JOHN A. MARQUIS and PROF. JOHN S. MARQUIS—The Marquis family has many connections leading back into Cross Creek Township. As stated in another place, John Marquis, brother of Rev. Thomas Marquis, married Sarah Griffith and their children were Thomas, Mary, John, Sarah, Edward, Robert, James, William, and Anne. He was among the early settlers, was in Lord Dunmore's campaign against the Ohio Indians and was, together with his brother Thomas, a companion of Adam and Andrew Poe in some of their fights with the Indians. He was for many years an elder in the Cross Creek church and died on his farm, lately known as the Anderson farm.

Of his children, John was the father of James T. Marquis, now residing in Jefferson Township, whose son, Rev. John A. Marquis, was recently called from a pastorate at Beaver to the presidency of Coe College, Iowa.

Robert, another son, lived and died on the home farm, his wife being Mary Stevenson, daughter of John Stevenson, who was a Revolutionary soldier and belonged to Washington's army. They had three sons—Newton, John S. (Stevenson), and Robert. Newton married Mary Patterson, was prominent in the church and in his community, but died a young man, his life being spent on the farm now owned by John S. Lee. John Stevenson Marquis, D. D., the second son, graduated from Washington College and the Western Theological Seminary and preached in Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, being pastor of the Pigeon Creek church for seventeen years. He lived the later years of his life in Washington, Pa., and during that period taught for seven years in Jefferson Academy, Canonsburg, and for a number of years supplied the Presbyterian Church of Lower Ten Mile. His wife was Margaret B. McConaughy and their children are: John S. (Stockton) Marquis, Mary Belle, Caroline E. (wife of R. C. Crouch, of Washington, Pa.), and Hugh M.

John Stockton Marquis graduated from Lafayette College, studied law at Pittsburg and Washington and practiced for a time at the latter bar, but has for eighteen years been principal of Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C. He married Lizzie W. McEwen and their children are: Joseph M., a civil engineer of the P. & L. E. R. R. at Pittsburg; Margaret M., a teacher at Graham, N. C., and Julia H., at home.

Robert Marquis, son of Robert, lived many years on the old farm at Cross Creek, moved to Missouri, and died there in 1908. His first wife was Jane Patterson. He took a second wife, Elizabeth Scott. Their children are:





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Edward, in business in Wyoming; Richard, a lawyer in Kansas, Mo., where also reside Joseph, Villa, Jennie, and Ida.

President John S. Marquis, of Brainard Institute, is the proud possessor of an ancient heirloom—the secretary and bookcase owned a century ago by his great-granduncle, the Rev. Thomas Marquis, pastor at Cross Creek, 1794-1826.

GEORGE M. CAMERON, president of the E. J. Young Packing Company, of Washington, comes from old pioneer stock of Washington County, his paternal grandfather, John Cameron, having been an early resident of Somerset Township, and his maternal grandfather, George Mitchell, of South Strabane Township. He was born on the home farm in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., April 22, 1849, and is a son of William and Martha (Mitchell) Cameron.

The youth of George M. Cameron was spent on the home farm where he assisted his father in his agricultural operations and in the meanwhile obtained a district school education. He continued to be interested in farming for a number of years and in 1886, with his brother, John Cameron, he erected the handsome residence in which both resided until George M. came to Washington, where he has a fine home, his location being at No. 278 East Beau street. Mr. Cameron soon became identified with some of the leading business interests of the town and at present in addition to being a director of the Washington Trust Company, is president of the E. J. Young Packing Company.

George and John A. Ada E. is deceased. Mr. Cameron and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and they give active encouragement and support to church work. In politics he is a Democrat and is always ready to perform his part in bringing about party success, but he has never sought office. For some years he served as a school director in South Strabane Township, the cause of education being one in which he has ever been deeply concerned, and is now serving in Washington as a school director.

On May 23, 1872, Mr. Cameron was married to Miss Mary E. Byers, a daughter of Col. James M. and Maria (Potter) Byers, of Washington, Pa., and they have six children: William B., Ada E., Mary E., James M.,

JOHN A. BARR,\* who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Marianna, Pa., is one of the representative and responsible citizens of the borough. He was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., October 12, 1869, and is a son of John G. and Eunice Barr, the latter of whom is deceased.

John A. Barr attended the public schools of West

Bethlehem Township, later learned the wagon-making trade and in association with his brother for a time conducted a wagon-making and repair shop in West Bethlehem Township. When he came to Marianna he erected his present substantial building, with dimensions of 38 by 60 feet, and he has four floors in use, carrying a full stock of furniture and carpets and having well arranged undertaking rooms.

On February 6, 1892, Mr. Barr was married to Miss Amanda Gayman, a daughter of Isaac Gayman, and they have one child, Iris, who attends school. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Bethlehem. He is a Democrat in his political opinions, but takes no very active interest in politics.

D. VICTOR LETHERMAN,\* a representative citizen of West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., residing on the farm on which he has always lived, has about 140 acres under a fine state of cultivation. He was born here March 29, 1859, and is a son of Demas M. and Jane (Munce) Letherman.

Demas M. Letherman was born in West Bethlehem Township and after his school days were over, engaged in teaching school and also in farming and sheep raising. He was a man of public spirit and excellent judgment and served two terms in the general assembly. His death occurred suddenly on December 5, 1878, from heart disease, while he was on his way from his home to Washington. Perhaps no man ever lived in West Bethlehem Township who was more sincerely mourned. He was extremely charitable and many a gift of a bushel of apples or a bag of potatoes found its way to the home of a poor neighbor from his farms, and many other substantial marks of kindness were shown by him when he learned of those needing a little timely assistance. He owned two farms at the time of his death, one of seventy-eight and the other of 158 acres, the latter being the present farm of his youngest son, D. Victor. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. He married Jane Munce, who died in 1896 and they both were buried in the Dunkard Church Cemetery. They had the following children: Florence; John, who is a physician at California, Pa.; Joseph, who is a physician in Allen County, Ohio; Milo Finley, who is a farmer in Fallowfield Township; Biddle, who is deceased; Luey; Ida, who is the wife of Daniel Gayman; and D. Victor.

D. V. Letherman has been engaged in farming and stock and sheep raising ever since he left school. He finds sheep profitable as his father did and raises about 125 head a year. He cultivates all his land with the exception of twenty acres, which he holds in wood lots. A test formerly made showed little evidence of oil or gas on the land and the coal has been sold. This farm is

well located as to transportation and advantages, being only four miles northwest of Scenery Hill.

On February 6, 1896, Mr. Letherman was married to Miss Belle Tombaugh, who is a daughter of John and Arabella (Hosack) Tombaugh, and they have one daughter, Sylvia, who attends school. Mr. Letherman and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Glyde. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Scenery Hill. In politics he is affiliated with the Republican party and has served as township auditor. For some years he has been a member of Chestnut Ridge Grange.

CAPT. JAMES B. GIBSON, a veteran of the Civil War, and an honored and highly respected retired farmer of Monongahela City, Pa., has been a lifelong resident of Washington County. He was born March 1, 1840, on the homestead farm in Carroll Township, a son of James and Maria (Figley) Gibson, and a grandson of Col. James Gibson.

Col. James Gibson, a resident of Virginia, was colonel of the Second Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War, and about the time of the Whiskey Insurrection brought a regiment to this part of the state. He came first to Pittsburg, thence to Ginger Hill, where he was very favorably impressed with the country, and it was at his suggestion that James Gibson, father of our subject, subsequently located in this locality. Col. Gibson lost an arm during that war, and his death occurred in Virginia. He was the father of four sons and three daughters. His eldest son, James Gibson, when a young man came on horseback to Washington County, and located on a tract of timberland in what is now known as Carroll Township. He was born and reared in Charlottesville, Va., and died on the old Gibson farm in Carroll Township in 1865, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Maria Figley, who came of one of the pioneer families of Washington County, where she was born and died in 1898, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Five children were born to the parents of our subject; Jacob is a resident of Washington County; Mary married Lewis Stacker and both are now deceased; Elizabeth is the widow of John Lemont; Josephine, the deceased wife of Samuel Nelson, who is also deceased; and James B., the subject of this sketch.

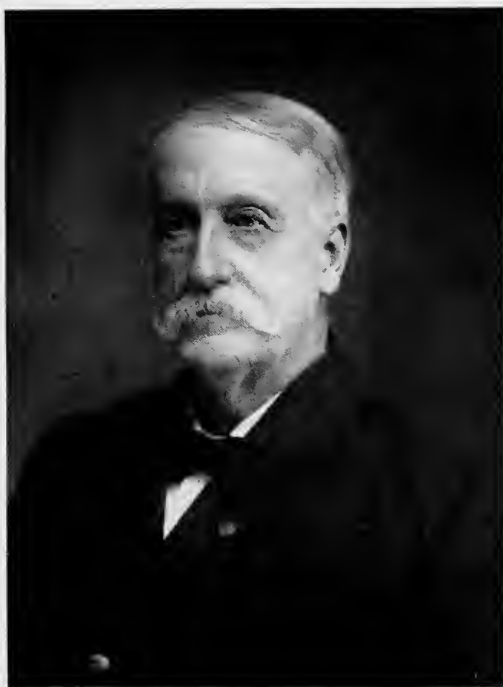
James B. Gibson was reared on the farm in Carroll Township, where he remained until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in the Ringgold Cavalry, later known as the Twenty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and after the first battle at Stumps Mills, was made orderly sergeant, from which he was promoted to second lieutenant and later first lieutenant, and at the close of the war was commissioned captain, which commission

he still retains. Captain Gibson was twice wounded, once severely at Martinsburg, Va., and once near Taylorstown, Va. After the close of the war he returned to the farm, where he remained until elected treasurer of Washington County, and during his period of incumbency was a resident of Washington. He was the first Democrat elected to that office in forty years, and won by a majority of 1,200 votes. At the close of his term as treasurer he purchased a farm of 170 acres in Fallowfield Township, and four years later bought and located on a farm of 130 acres in Carroll Township, where he resided until 1902, when he came to Monongahela City, where he has since been living in retirement. His farm in Carroll Township is operated by his son Donald, and he keeps a large number of cattle on the farm in Fallowfield Township. Capt. Gibson was elected and served one term as county commissioner, and was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for state senator against the Hon. G. V. Lawrence, and carried his home districts at the election. Capt. Gibson is a stockholder in the Monongahela Trust Company, the Monongahela Water Company and in the Bellwood Gas Company. He holds membership with the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 60, at Monongahela.

In 1872 Capt. Gibson married Isabella L. Thomas, a daughter of Samuel Thomas, who makes his home with our subject, and who is now ninety-three years of age. Four children were born to Capt. and Mrs. Gibson: Harry, died aged seven years; Carl E., an attorney of Washington, married (first) Mary E. Lemont, who died leaving three children, Mary, Lois, and Ruth, and his second union was with a Miss Wycongh; James Donald, who lives on the farm in Carroll Township, first married a Miss Sampson, after whose death he married her cousin, also Miss Sampson, by whom he has two children; Cora May, is the widow of Frank O. Jones, by whom she has three children; Helen (deceased), Frank Edgar, and Robert M.

F. FLOYD COBB, M. D.,\* who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Marianna, Pa., has been established here since September, 1907, and has built up an excellent practice, numbering many members of the old families among his patients. He was born at Gerry, Chautauqua County, N. Y., June 25, 1878, and is a son of Grant and Jennie Cobb.

Dr. Cobb obtained his literary education at Fredonia, N. Y., and his medical training in the Louisville Medical College, at Louisville, Ky. After graduation he practiced for a short time at White Rock, Pa., and came from there to Marianna. He is retained as physician and surgeon of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company. He keeps abreast with modern medical thought through mem-



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bership in scientific organizations and is identified with the county and State medical societies. In politics Dr. Cobb is a Republican. He belongs to the order of Elks.

CLAUDE E. McDERMID, M. D.,\* physician and surgeon, located at Charleroi, Pa., with offices at No. 619 Fallowfield avenue, has been a resident of this borough since December, 1908, and is in the enjoyment of a substantial practice. He was born at Bradford, McKean County, Pa., June 16, 1885, and is a son of William and Catherine (Riley) McDermid.

The father of Dr. McDermid was engaged in the oil industry as a producer, first at Bradford and later at other points and died at Chipmunk, N. Y., in 1904. His widow survives and resides in the city of Montreal, Canada.

Dr. McDermid attended school at different points, his father's business requiring him to frequently change the location of the family home, but the larger part of his boyhood was spent at Evans City, Pa., Bradford and Olean, N. Y. He is a graduate of the Olean High School and he also attended Pittsburg College of the Holy Ghost. From the Olean High School he went to medical college, where he remained four years and during his third and fourth years was connected with Providence Hospital, at Washington, D. C. After his graduation from the medical department of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., in the Class of 1908, he came to St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburg, and was attached there from July to November, 1908, when he came to Charleroi, well equipped for the practice of his most noble profession.

Dr. McDermid married Miss Elizabeth Colligan, a daughter of Michael Colligan, of Alleghany County, N. Y., and they have one child, Catherine. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Eagles. He and wife belong to St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

DAVID M. FULTON,\* owner of 100 acres of rich farming land in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., was born in this township, February 12, 1827, and is a son of James and Jane (Fulton) Fulton, and a grandson of John and Jane (Hunter) Fulton.

David M. Fulton was reared on his father's farm. The father was a tailor by trade, but the son preferred the out-door life in the fields. He was the only child and was given all the advantages his parents could provide. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since he left school in boyhood, and has a valuable, well cultivated estate. In early manhood Mr. Fulton married Miss Martha Eaton, who died, leaving no children. He was married secondly to Miss Elizabeth Caldwell and they have two sons, James H. and Andrew C. James H. lives at home and assists his father. Andrew C.

married Martha Jane Martin and they have two children, Lilly May and William Howard. Mr. Fulton, like his late father, is a Republican. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and one of Hanover Township's representative and respected citizens.

DAVID H. SUMNY,\* who owns a farm of 101 acres, situated in Somerset Township, Washington County, Pa., on the turnpike road which is the northern boundary of the township, was born on a farm in Nottingham Township, Washington County, November 4, 1840, and is a son of David and Nancy (Hand) Sumny.

David Sumny was also born in Washington County, where his father, Isaac Sumny, had been a pioneer. David Sumny owned a farm and also operated a pottery on his place.

David H. Sumny attended the district schools in boyhood and worked at the potter's trade with his father, in his youth. He then learned the carpenter trade and for many years after his return from the Civil War he worked through this section as a carpenter and is widely known. In August, 1862, he enlisted for service as a soldier, entering the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and continued in the army until his honorable discharge, in June, 1865. Although he saw hard and dangerous service, participating in such battles as Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and many others, he was fortunate enough to escape all serious injury. After he returned to Washington County he resumed work at his trade, and in 1866 he was married to Miss Eliza Ann Lusk, a daughter of James and Hannah (Snodgrass) Lusk. Mrs. Sumny was born on Mingo Creek and was reared in Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Sumny have five children: James, who lives in Nottingham Township, married Lillie Dague, and they had children—Edna, who died aged thirteen years, Charles, Hazeh, Pearl and Wilson; Emma, who married Curtis Myers, and they have three children—Ralph, Mary and Ross; Harry, who married Maggie Ashcraft, has one son, Roy; Ella, who married John E. Williams and they have one child, Glenn; and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumny reside on what was formerly the old Lusk farm. They owned the Sumny farm of seventy-five acres, which they transferred to their son, Harry Sumny. Mr. Sumny is a member of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church. Neither he nor his sons take any very active part in politics, but all are numbered with the best and most dependable citizens of this section of Washington County.

W. W. McKEOWN,\* an extensive operator in the oil and gas fields of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, has been a resident of Washington since the beginning of the oil excitement in this State, which was some time

during the eighties. He later removed to Colorado, where he was for twelve years extensively engaged in cattle raising, owning the old Meeker Ranch, and often had as many as 10,000 head of cattle at one time. Since his return to Washington, he has been one of the extensive operators in the oil and gas fields of the State. He owns a one-fourth interest in the McKeown Oil Company, which operates in the fields of West Virginia and Washington County, and is also associated with E. H. Pogue in the production of oil in Ohio. Mr. McKeown was joined in marriage with Mary Quinn. He is, fraternally, a member of the B. P. O. E.

FRED J. ROTH, traveling salesman for the H. Roth Brewery and one of the enterprising young business men of Monongahela City, was born in Allegheny County, Pa., November 23, 1883, and is a son of Andrew and Helena (Schalbruch) Roth. He attended the public schools of Allegheny and Washington Counties until fifteen years of age and then turned his attention to business, but resided at home until he had reached his majority. He then became identified with the H. Roth Brewery and has since continued with this well-known brewery.

In January, 1906, Mr. Roth was married to Miss Catherine Miller, a daughter of Peter Miller, who was an iron worker in the employ of the Pittsburgh Tube Mills for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have one son, who was born on the day that Hon. John K. Tener was elected to Congress from this district, and as Mr. Roth is a zealous Republican and an admirer of Mr. Tener, the little son bears the latter's name. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are members of the Catholic Church. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 532, F. O. E., and belongs also to the L. O. O. M. and the T. V. E., all of Monongahela City.

ANDREW J. ROTH, who is identified with the H. Roth Brewery Company, having charge of the outside sales, is numbered with the able young business men of Monongahela City. He was born in Allegheny County, Pa., September 19, 1887, and is a son of Andrew and Helena (Schalbruch) Roth.

Andrew J. Roth attended the public schools of Allegheny and Washington Counties until he was sixteen years of age. In the following four years he learned the business methods which, when twenty-one years of age, made him an acceptable employe of the H. Roth Brewery, with which he has been identified ever since. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1905 Mr. Roth was married to Miss Harriet Thompson, a daughter of the late Henry Thompson, who lost his life, with 150 others, in the terrible mine explosion at Marianna, Pa., in 1908. He had been chief electrician

there for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Roth have one daughter, Margaret Elizabeth. They are members of the Catholic Church. His fraternal connections are with the T. V. E. and the L. O. O. M., Lodge No. 125, Monongahela City.

GEORGE P. DENNIS,\* who owns a fine farm of 102 acres in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., on which is one producing oil well, was born on this farm, March 11, 1868, and is a son of David S. and Charlotta (Fullerton) Dennis.

The parents of Mr. Dennis are both deceased and their ashes rest in the Cross Roads Cemetery at Florence. The mother was born on the farm now owned by George P. Dennis and inherited it from her father, it being the old Fullerton place. David S. Dennis was a son of Archie Dennis and was born in Washington County. He was a carpenter by trade, and afterwards a farmer, and when farming proved too laborious, he engaged in wool buying. In politics he was a Democrat, while in religious faith both he and wife were Methodists. They had four children, namely: Delia, who married H. W. Scott; Delphine, who died when aged two years; Mary Alta, who married C. C. Inglefield, of Burgettstown; and George P., the youngest, residing on the homestead.

George P. Dennis attended the district schools in Hanover Township until nineteen years of age, when he went into the oil fields and for fifteen years followed rig building, coming then to the farm, on which he has lived ever since. He carries on general farming here and has one oil well which produces about fifteen barrels of oil monthly.

On March 23, 1893, Mr. Dennis was married to Miss Rebecca H. Cleland, a daughter of Robert and Ida Cleland, residents of Midway, Washington County. To Robert Cleland and wife the following children were born: Rebecca H., who is the wife of Mr. Dennis; Etta, now deceased, who was the wife of Charles Reddick; and Roberta, John, Robert, Labrida and Harry. The Cleland family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have four sons: Charles W., George L., Robert S. and Harry C. They attend the Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Dennis votes independently. He has never been a seeker for office but has served acceptably on the board of elections. The family and its connections are representative people of Hanover Township.

H. A. THEAKSTON,\* proprietor of the Hotel Atwood at West Brownsville, Pa., has been identified with that line of business in West Brownsville and Belle Vernon, Pa., for about twelve years, and was born January 26, 1876, a son of William L. and Leonore (Harrington) Theakston.

H. A. Theakston was reared in West Brownsville, where



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he attend the local schools and subsequently worked in hotels here and at Belle Vernon, Pa., where he spent two years, and in August, 1907, purchased the Hotel Atwood from Max Kline, of West Brownsville. He is fraternally a member of the Eagles and Royal Order of Moose.

Mr. Theakston was joined in marriage with Anna Voss, who was born in Germany and came to this country when six years of age with her father, Fred Voss, and to them have been born two children: Carl and Voss.

CLARK T. BARTLETT, one of Washington's prominent and substantial citizens, whose main interest, at present, is attending to his realty investments, formerly was a leading factor in the newspaper business here and for years was more or less identified with journalistic work. He was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1866, and is a son of Edward and Susan Elizabeth (Clark) Bartlett.

Edward Bartlett was born in the state of New York and came from there to Fayette County prior to the Civil War, and in 1876 thence to Washington. For a number of years he operated the Washington Foundry and Machine Shops. His death occurred in Washington, Pa., August 24, 1903. For one year of the Civil War he served as a member of the First West Virginia Cavalry, Union Army, when he was honorably discharged, his disability being valvular disease of the heart, and from this affliction he subsequently died, although not until forty years later. He married Susan Elizabeth Clark, a native of Uniontown, Fayette County, who still survives and resides at Washington. She was the eldest daughter of William Witherow Clark and Susannah (Heslett) Clark, the former being a grandson of William Clark, one of the pioneer settlers of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, who removed to that section about the time of the Revolutionary War. To Edward and Susan Elizabeth (Clark) Bartlett were born five children, namely: Antoinette, who is the wife of Charles S. Hempstead, cashier of the First National Bank of New Salem, Fayette County; Clark T.; Harry Edward, who is connected with the Observer Publishing Company as an employee in its job department; Miriam, who died in early youth; and Helen S., who is a teacher in the Washington schools.

Clark T. Bartlett attended school at Washington with regularity until he was sixteen years of age. On September 2, 1882, he entered the printing office of the Review and Examiner, at Washington, as an apprentice to the trade, and later was connected in a repertorial capacity with other journals and served the Washington Reporter some seven years in different positions in newspaper work, becoming well and favorably known in this connection. In May, 1892, he entered into partnership with Hon. E. F. Acheson, in the publication of the Observer, which partnership existed for over ten

years. In July, 1902, Mr. Bartlett bought his partner's interest and at the same time sold the entire plant to the Observer Publishing Company.

Clark T. Bartlett was married February 13, 1900, at Washington, Iowa, to Mrs. Cora (Wright) Martin, youngest daughter of Enoch and Emma (Smith) Wright. The Wright family has been identified with Washington County and Western Pennsylvania since its earliest settlement. Enoch Wright, the father of Mrs. Bartlett, was born in Peters Township, near the present borough of Pinleyville, Pa., July 28, 1824, and died at Washington, Iowa, to which State he had removed shortly after the Civil War, March 10, 1892. His great-grandfather, Joshua Wright, one of the pioneer settlers of Washington County, came from the Cumberland Valley, near Harrisburg, Pa., and settled in the Peters Creek Valley about 1764. He was a large land owner and under a Virginia commission sat as a justice in the County Court in 1777. Emma (Smith) Wright, the mother of Mrs. Bartlett, was the daughter of Dr. Edward Smith, a prominent physician residing near Franklin Church, Brooke County, Va., one of the Pan-Handle Counties of Virginia and now a part of the State of West Virginia. Dr. Smith was a member of the Virginia Legislature and voted against the ordinance of Secession.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington and he is a member of its official board.

W. T. HARSHMAN,\* a representative citizen of Millsboro, Washington County, assistant manager and treasurer of the Marianna Lumber Company, at this place, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., in September, 1889, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Mitchell) Harshman. The father of Mr. Harshman is deceased. His mother is a resident of Canton Township.

W. T. Harshman was educated in the public schools of West Bethlehem Township. He has been identified with the Marianna Lumber Company since its organization, both as stockholder and officer. He also handles builders' supplies.

Mr. Harshman was married to Miss Margaret Pallette, a daughter of David Pallette, of Canton Township, and they have two children, Eva Madeline and Glenn Wellmer. In politics, Mr. Harshman is a Republican. He belongs to the fraternal order of the Moose, at Zollarsville.

WILLIAM E. PENROD,\* owner of a gentlemen's furnishing store at California, Pa., where he has been located since February, 1909, was prior to that time engaged in the mercantile business at Coal Center for thirty-three years. He was born November 27, 1849, in Regersville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, a son of Tobias

and Sarah (Haley) Penrod. The father who was a cabinet maker by trade, served in the 51st Ohio Vol. Inf., and died of typhoid fever during the war, at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

William E. Penrod was fifteen years old when he came from Tuscarawas County, Ohio, to Monongahela City, Pa., where he worked for some time in a clothing store for his uncle Silas Haley; he continued his residence here about ten years, during which time he worked in various clothing houses. In February, 1876, he went to Coal Center, where he embarked in the mercantile business, in which he continued with uninterrupted success until February, 1909, when he removed the business to California, and opened his present gentlemen's furnishing establishment in the People's Bank building.

Mr. Penrod was married in 1874 to Emma Clark, who was born in Monongahela City, Pa., a daughter of Robert M. Clark, and a granddaughter of James Parkinson, who, with Joseph Parkinson, laid out the town of Monongahela. Mr. and Mrs. Penrod became the parents of seven children, namely: William C.; Robert N.; Rebecca; Clara; Margaret, deceased; Jane, deceased; and Fred, deceased. Mr. Penrod is the oldest past master of the Masonic lodge, Henry M. Phillips, No. 337, of Monongahela City, of which he has been a member since 1872; and is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

E. H. SACKVILLE,\* a wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco, and a manufacturer of cigars and stogies, of Washington, Pa., was born in this borough in 1880, a son of Dr. John V. and Annie (Vester) Sackville.

Dr. John V. Sackville was born about 1819 in England and died in 1895 in Washington, Pa., where for a period of thirty years he was prominently identified with the medical profession. He was a first cousin of Lord Sackville West, and before coming to this country was for thirty years a surgeon in the English army. He married Annie Vester, a native of Washington, and a daughter of John V. Vester. She is still living in Washington and has now attained the advanced age of ninety-four years. Dr. and Mrs. Sackville were the parents of the following children: L. W. Sackville, who is engaged in business with the subject of this sketch; Winnifred, who is the wife of Dr. J. B. Stines, of Evansville, Ind., her husband having charge of the U. S. Marine Hospital; Mary S., who married Clarence Rhen, of Washington, Pa.; Herbert C., who is deceased; and E. H. Sackville, whose name begins this article.

E. H. Sackville was reared and obtained his educational training at Washington, where early in life he entered into the tobacco trade, having had at the age of eight years, what is called a store box stand. For the past fourteen years he has conducted a store, has car-

ried on a wholesale and retail business for ten years, and for the past seven years has operated a cigar factory on East Maiden street. He employs one traveling salesman besides himself, and carries on an extensive business.

In February, 1908, Mr. Sackville was united in marriage with Margaret Bell, of Morgantown, W. Va. He is fraternally a member of the order of Eagles.

JAMES KERR SCOTT,\* who, with his younger brother, Hugh Clemmons Scott, owns over 200 acres of rich farming land in Nottingham Township, Washington County, Pa., is a member of an old family of this section was founded here by his great-grandfather. He was born on his present farm, December 18, 1842, and is a son of Absalom and Rebecca (Finley) Scott.

The great-grandfather was Hugh Scott, who was evidently a man of consequence east of the Alleghany Mountains, as he was sent with two others as a committee to purchase land in Washington County for a site for a court house. This was in 1780. He had four sons, two of whom returned to the East, the other two remaining in Washington County. One of these was Josiah Scott, who subsequently acquired the farm which his grandsons now own. He married and spent the remainder of his life here, rearing seven children, his son Absalom being the third in order of birth. The latter was born on this farm, grew to manhood in Nottingham Township and married Rebecca Finley. They both are now deceased. They had eight children: Mary Jane, who is deceased; Finley; Josiah, who is deceased; James Kerr; Margaret B.; Hugh Clemmons; Frances E., and Sarah B., who also is deceased.

James Kerr Scott grew to manhood in the old log house on the home farm on which he has always lived. He is associated with his brother, Hugh C., in farming and stock raising. The latter was born on this farm in October, 1847, and resides on the old place with the surviving sister, Frances E. They can all recall many interesting events connected with earlier days in this section and can point out the place on the farm where, in Indian days, stood an old log blockhouse which doubtless often sheltered refugees.

In November, 1865, James K. Scott was first married to Sarah E. Roberts, who, at death, left two children—Laura E., who is the wife of Alexander Gault and has one child, James Eugene Gault, who lives at Bentleyville, Pa.; and Albert P., who married Metta Preston, and has one child, Catherine; they live at Monongahela. Mr. Scott was married secondly in 1890, to Matilda Logan, a daughter of Harvey Logan, of Allegheny County. Mr. Scott is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in boyhood was accustomed to ride on horseback to

Pigeon Creek to attend services. Both Mr. Scott and brother are Republicans in their political sentiments. Both are recognized as representative citizens.

SAMUEL E. FLEMING,\* who has been manager of the Pittsburg Mercantile Company's large department store at California, Pa., since its opening on November 14, 1904, was born in Ireland, June 4, 1878, and is a son of Samuel and Matilda Fleming.

Samuel E. Fleming was six years old when his parents came to this country and located at Pittsburg, where he was reared and educated. At the age of fifteen years he began working in a dry goods store, after which he spent some time in the employ of the Oliver Steel Company at Pittsburg. Mr. Fleming has been identified with the Pittsburg Mercantile Company since 1897, and in June, 1904, came to California to superintend the installation of the necessary fixtures for the opening of the store, which is located in a large two story brick building, with basement, erected that year by the Pittsburg Mercantile Company. It is one of the finest business blocks in California. The floor space of the store covers an area of 30,000 square feet and there is a 4,000 square foot warehouse in the rear. The company carries a full line of clothing, haberdashery, boots, shoes, dry goods, notions, groceries and meats, and they give employment to twenty-two salesmen, drivers, etc. Mr. Fleming is a director of the Peoples Bank of California, and is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E. of Charlevoix.

Mr. Fleming was joined in marriage with Mollie D. Williams, a daughter of J. P. Williams, and they have one daughter, Margaret.

JOHN PROVINCES,\* a representative farmer and stockraiser, of Hanover Township, who has lived all his life on his present farm of 133 acres, was born here February 1, 1837, and is a son of Samuel and Isabel (Gracey) Provinces.

Samuel Provinces was born in Ireland and was a son of William and Rebecca (Hemphill) Provinces. He purchased the Family farm in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, when the whole extent of it was covered with thick woods and, with the assistance of his sons cleared it all off and put it under a fine state of cultivation. He was a man of great industry. In politics he was a Democrat. With his wife he belonged to the United Presbyterian Church at Paris, Pa. He married Isabel Gracey, who was born in Washington County, and was a daughter of John and Margaret (Kennedy) Gracey. They had the following children: John, of Hanover Township; William, who is deceased; James, Rebecca, Andrew, Margaret, Samuel, Henry and Harper, of these Henry is deceased. The parents are both deceased and their burial was at Burgettstown, Pa.

John Provinces attended the neighborhood schools along with his brothers and sisters, in boyhood, but as soon as he had attained sufficient strength, he went to work to help his father in clearing off the land, it being quite a large undertaking, as the timber growth was heavy. After the father died, John and Andrew Provinces bought the farm from the other heirs and still own it together. These brothers are unmarried but several of the others have families. Samuel Provinces married Delia Liston and they have two children, Pearl and Mary. Harper Provinces married Hattie Gracey. William left a widow, formerly Anna Andrews, and two children, Elizabeth and Jennie, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. Provinces and his brothers are all strong Democrats.

G. B. FRANTZ, M. D.,\* a prominent physician and surgeon of Coal Center, Pa., whose offices are located in the Coal Center Pharmacy, of which he is part owner, is president of the Peoples Bank of California. He was born May 29, 1862, in Monongahela City, Pa., and is a son of George W. and Susan (Lowstater) Frantz. The father established the drug company, now known as the Coal Center Pharmacy, in 1882, and later conducted the same in partnership with our subject until the time of his death, February 4, 1888, operating under the firm name of G. W. Frantz & Son.

G. B. Frantz was a lad of twelve years when his parents came to Coal Center, where he attended the common schools and the South Western State Normal at California, where he was a student for a year and a half. He also spent one year at the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently graduated with the class of 1886 from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery. He has since been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Coal Center, Pa. After the death of his father in 1888, the drug store founded by him was continued under the firm name of G. W. Frantz & Son until 1907, when the doctor consolidated with another drug firm of Coal Center, establishing the Coal Center Pharmacy. Dr. Frantz is well known in banking circles of this section of the state, and upon the organization of the Peoples Bank of California, Pa., was elected vice president, and has served as president of the bank since his election in August, 1907. Dr. Frantz is acting Burgess of Coal Center and is also serving as president of the borough Council. He is especially prominent in fraternal circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason and district deputy grand master of that order in the Forty-third District of Pennsylvania. He is also deputy grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES KAMP,\* postmaster and general merchant at Lawrence, Cecil Township, was born at Allegheny City,

Pa., September 24, 1857, and is a son of Michael Kamp, who settled in Allegheny City in 1849.

James Kamp attended school on the south side in Allegheny City and then went to work in the glass factory of Thomas Whitman & Company, where he remained until he was twenty-one years old. He then embarked in a store business on the west side of the city, which he conducted for three years, after which he moved to the village of Twin Hills, the postoffice being named Lawrence. He has been established here since 1884 and with the exception of four years, has been postmaster ever since. He is the oldest merchant in the place. Considerable business is done at this point, there being eight mails received and sent out daily, this necessitating strict method in its transaction. He owns fifty acres of land in Peters Township, but his residence and store are in Cecil Township, where he erected his own buildings. He has nine head of cattle, almost all his stock being very valuable, and operates a dairy. He is one of the substantial and representative citizens of this section.

In December, 1870, Mr. Kamp was married to Elizabeth Scheff, and they have the following children: Frank, Mary, Michael, Charles, Margaret, Ella, Howard, Joseph, Julia and a babe that died unnamed. All the others, with the exception of Michael, survive, and the two older ones are married. Mr. Kamp has been president of the McMurray Telephone Company. With his family he belongs to the Catholic Church at Bridgeville and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He votes with the Democratic party, but is not active in politics to any great degree.

THOMAS HILL, county commissioner of Washington County, Pa., residing at Mingo, owns the old Hill homestead in Union Township, Washington County, and has been interested in agricultural pursuits for many years. He was born in 1854, in Belfast, Ireland, and is a son of James Hill.

James Hill and wife were natives of Ireland and they came from Belfast to America, in 1856, locating first at Fall River, Mass. In 1864 they came to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm in Union Township, Washington County, where the remainder of their lives were passed. James Hill was a farmer and stock raiser.

Thomas Hill was ten years old when his parents settled in Union Township and there he completed his education. In 1889 he was married to Miss Elizabeth R. McClelland, a daughter of Thomas McClelland, and they have two children, Mary McClelland and Elizabeth R.

Mr. Hill has always taken considerable interest in politics and for years has acceptably filled township offices, serving as treasurer, clerk and auditor, and in the fall of 1908 he was elected a county commissioner. He is well qualified to meet the responsibilities of this

important office. With his family he is a member of the Mingo Presbyterian Church and belongs to its official board. He is identified with the fraternal order of Elks.

LEMAN N. IRWIN,\* a representative business man of Washington, who is prominently identified with oil production in Washington County, belongs to an old county family and was born in Cauton Township, December 27, 1861, his father being W. C. Irwin.

Leman N. Irwin remained on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, and then came to Washington and learned the carpenter trade and worked at the same for two years. His health failed and his physician recommended California, and after a stay of fifteen months in the mild climate of that state he returned to Pennsylvania and again resumed farming on the old place, subsequently, however, returning to Washington. Here he engaged in the butchering business for two years, and at the end of that period became interested in the oil industry, in which he has continued ever since. Mr. Irwin has been quite successful in the oil business and is now a producer only.

On May 18, 1892, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Flora A. Porter, who was born in Washington and is a daughter of Lewis P. Porter, and they have five children: Laura May, Flora Leona, Lewis Morgan, Ray Clark and Clarence G. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church at Washington.

A. C. ENDEMAN,\* who conducts a first class meat market at Roscoe, Pa., has been interested in this line in this place since 1902. He was born in Germany, in 1880, and is a son of John F. and Henrietta (Weber) Endeman.

The father of Mr. Endeman was a blacksmith by trade and in Germany he had a foundry of his own. In 1884 he brought his family to America, locating for three years at Jacobs' Creek, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and then moved to Kansas, but after trying farming there, he returned to Jacobs' Creek, where he engaged in farming, until the end of his life, his death occurring in 1906. The mother of Mr. Endeman died when he was thirteen years of age.

A. C. Endeman was about four years old when his parents came to the United States. After his school days were over he learned the meat business and has been connected with it ever since. For seven years before coming to Roscoe, he resided at Stockdale, and during three of these he conducted his own market there. He began at Roscoe, in 1902, in partnership with Joseph McLain, and this association continued until February, 1906, when Mr. Endeman bought Mr. McLain's interest. They had also owned a store and market at Twilight, and in



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settling up their business affairs, Mr. McLain took the Twilight store. Mr. Endeman strives to keep the class of meat desired by his large trade, which is a discriminating one, and appreciates having home dressed meats. He conducts a grocery department for the accommodation of his patrons, but gives the larger part of his attention to meats.

Mr. Endeman married Miss Dora Foster, and they have two children, Foster and Dorothy. They have a pleasant home at Elco, where Mr. Endeman is serving as a member of the borough Council. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

THOMAS HOLMES RALSTON,\* one of Hanover Township's most respected citizens, now living retired from active work, but still in the enjoyment of both physical and mental health, was born, July 19, 1826, in Hancock County, West Virginia, where he owns a valuable farm of seventy-six acres. His parents were Joseph and Lucinda P. (Holmes) Ralston.

Joseph Ralston was a miller and followed that trade in West Virginia throughout his active years. His parents were Joseph and Hannah (McCready) Ralston, and his children were: Isaac, Mary Ann, Joseph, Caroline, William and Thomas II., all now deceased except Thomas H. and Caroline, the latter of whom married Miller Shane.

Thomas Holmes Ralston attended the schools near his father's mill until grown old enough to work at a trade, when he learned milling, and also coopering, and for a number of years conducted a cooper shop and operated a mill. Later he traded his mill for a farm in Hanover Township, Washington County, to which he then came, and has resided here ever since. In politics he is a Democrat. He is recognized by his neighbors as a useful citizen, and has served acceptably as road commissioner and as judge of elections.

On April 26, 1859, Mr. Ralston was married to Miss Rebecca Graham, who is a daughter of Thomas and Anna Graham, who were farmers in Hanover Township. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralston: Lucy, who married James Work; William S.; George G.; Catherine, who married Fred Campbell, and Jessie, who lives at home with her parents. These loving children prepared a delightful surprise for their parents on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, April 26, 1909. It was a most enjoyable occasion for all who were permitted to participate. Mr. Ralston and family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT CAMPBELL,\* president of the California Bottle Company of California, Pa., manufacturers of bottles of all descriptions, has been identified with this concern since it began operation in June, 1905. He was born December 4, 1877, in Clearfield County, Pennsylv-

vania, a son of Robert C. and Mary (Sharp) Campbell, both natives of Scotland.

Robert C. Campbell was reared and married in Scotland and in 1872 came to America, and located in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged as a foreman in the mines for some years. He came to California, Pa., and in 1905 he and his three sons established the California Bottle Company. He died here May 1, 1909, and was the father of twelve children, three of whom are deceased.

Robert Campbell came with his parents to California, Pa., in 1883, and here learned glass blowing with the California Glass Company. This company subsequently closed their factory for twelve years during which time Mr. Campbell worked at his trade in Tarentum, Jeannette, Beaver Falls and Pittsburg. In 1905 in partnership with his brothers and father, he bought the plant of the California Glass Company. This company is composed of Robert Campbell, our subject, president; John Campbell, treasurer, and Frank Campbell, a director, all practical glass blowers. They employ about fifty men, including fifteen blowers.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the Masonic order. He married Iva Hamman and they reside at Coal Center, Pa.

D. L. REYNOLDS,\* who owns 160 acres of fine land, situated in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, four and one-half miles east of Washington, was born in the old house which then stood on the present site of the barn, on this farm, December 31, 1828. His father was Zachariah and his paternal grandfather was Benedict Reynolds, while his mother was Mary Little and his maternal grandfather was Moses Little.

Benedict Reynolds was born in Maryland and from there he enlisted in the American Army. After serving for six months in the War of the Revolution, he re-enlisted and took part in the battle of the Brandywine, and several others under the direct command of Gen. Washington, as well as in the battle of the Cowpens. After the war he married Elizabeth Harmon and came to Washington County and settled in South Strabane Township. When he built his house he constructed it after the old Maryland plan, with the doors facing the east. He spent the rest of his life there, living to the age of ninety-seven years, and was buried in the cemetery on his own land.

Zachariah Reynolds was born in South Strabane Township and when he reached manhood married Mary Little. Her father was born in Ireland and came to America when a young man. After he had earned \$100 by farm work in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he came to Washington County and invested it in 100 acres of land in South Strabane Township, which he later sold

to the Munce family. He married Margaret Locke, also a native of Ireland, and they had four children: John, Mary, David and Moses. To Zachariah and Mary (Little) Reynolds was born one son, D. L. The mother died when thirty years of age. The father was subsequently married to Mary Huston, and they had three children: George, who lives in California; Mary, who is the wife of William Weir, residing on Morgan avenue, Washington; and Seth H., who is a farmer in South Strabane Township. Zachariah Reynolds was a man of natural talent, and was better educated than many men of his day, being particularly gifted as a penman. He did quite a large part of the drawing for the charts of the internal organs for Dr. Leatherman, of Houstonville, Pa., and his pen work was admired all over the county. He served as clerk in the Pittsburg postoffice, and in the prothonotary's and treasurer's offices at Washington. He lived into his seventy-ninth year. His burial was first by the side of his wife in the home cemetery, but later D. L. Reynolds had the bodies of his parents removed and interred anew in the Washington Cemetery. His second wife survived him and died when aged 84 years.

D. L. Reynolds obtained his first instruction in the Vance school, later in the Pancake school, and subsequently entered Washington and Jefferson College. Afterward he prepared for the bar with Attorney William Montgomery, but never sought admission. His home has always been on his present farm and before his marriage he tempered the brick which was being manufactured on the place, and carried it and assisted in the building of the present residence. He also hauled the material which went into the construction of the substantial barn. Much of the land is under a high state of cultivation, but there are still ten acres of timber and the coal has not been sold. His son, George Reynolds, operates here a small dairy and ships his milk from Zediker Station to Pittsburg.

On May 19, 1852, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Barbara E. Moninger, a daughter of John and Katherine (Dagg) Moninger, and they have had seven children: Mary Katherine; John M. C., who is a physician in practice at Washington; Margaret L.; Elizabeth E. F., who married David Myers, and resides in South Strabane Township (they have eight children: Nora K., N. Dale, D. Glenn, Margaret, Gladys, Emma, Ruth and an infant); Hester Ann, who is now deceased; David T., who married Blanche Reynolds, a daughter of Col. George Reynolds, and has three children: Neva, Pearl and Therna Alvin; and George H., who remains at home.

In politics Mr. Reynolds is a Democrat. For thirty-five years he was a justice of the peace in his township and during his service was very successful in inducing litigants before him to agree to a compromise. Very

often he has been called upon to settle disputes in the county regarding the possession of farms. For thirty-seven years he served as a school director, and never failed in his duty in this direction. He united with the Odd Fellows in 1854, and is still a member of Lodge No. 81.

GEORGE W. MOODY,\* one of the enterprising business men of Charleroi, Pa., who is the owner of a meat Market located at No. 901 Crest avenue, is also proprietor of the Arctic Ice Factory. He has been a resident of Charleroi since 1902, since which time he has accumulated considerable wealth and has become one of the best known and most successful business men of the city. He was born January 1, 1878, at Charleston, W. Va., and is a son of John and Jennie (Burns) Moody, the former a well known and successful merchant of Charleston.

George W. Moody was reared and obtained his educational training in Charleston, W. Va., and when a young man came to Vesta, Washington County, Pa., where he worked in the mines for two years. He then began learning the butcher's trade, and since 1902 has been successfully engaged in conducting a market at No. 901 Crest avenue, Charleroi. He is the owner of the Arctic Ice factory, where artificial ice is manufactured, and he disposes of the same at Charleroi and Monessen. Both the market and factory are located near Mr. Moody's residence, so that he is enabled to give his entire time and attention to his interests. He has acquired considerable real estate in Charleroi, owning several dwellings and business blocks, and is a successful man in every sense of the word. The excellent results with which Mr. Moody has met in so comparatively a short time has been due to his own persistent efforts, much hard work and great executive ability.

Mr. Moody was joined in marriage with Margaret Jacquelin, who is a daughter of Desire Jacquelin. He is a member of the order of Moose.

JOHN FINLEY KENNEDY,\* one of the prominent and influential business citizens of Courtney, Pa., where he has been closely associated with affairs of a business and financial nature for many years, was born November 10, 1846, in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Thomas and Hannah E. (Roberts) Kennedy.

John and Martha (Young) Kennedy, the paternal great-grandparents of John F. Kennedy, were natives of County Antrim, Ireland, whence the former came when twenty-one years of age, while the latter was still a child when she arrived in the United States, and was but thirteen and one-half years old at the time of her marriage to Mr. Kennedy. They first lived at Fort Pitt, now located in the south side of Pittsburg, but subse-





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quently moved to Mingo, Washington County, where both died, John Kennedy in 1842, when eighty-two years old, and his wife in 1847, at the age of seventy-six years. Of their twelve children, ten reached advanced years.

Samuel Kennedy, the grandfather of John F., was the eldest of his parents' children, and grew to manhood on the home farm. He married Elizabeth McVey, and both died on the old Kennedy homestead. Their eight children were as follows: Thomas, Hannah A., John, Martha, James K., Joseph M., Mary and Samuel.

Thomas Kennedy was born March 16, 1826, and was reared on his father's farm, but later became a cooper and conducted a shop on the home place. Subsequently learning the carpenter's trade, he worked at that occupation for many years, but the latter part of his life was spent on the homestead in Union Township, where his death occurred in August, 1865. His wife, Hannah E. (Roberts) Kennedy, was a daughter of William and Nancy (Ausburn) Roberts, of Carroll Township. She died in 1903, at the age of seventy-six years. Three children were born to this couple, all on the home farm in Union Township—John Finley, William A., and Samuel D., the last mentioned of whom died in 1876.

The early life of John F. Kennedy was spent on the old farm in Union Township, which he left at the age of eighteen years to go to Pittsburg, being there graduated from Duff's Business College. He then became book-keeper for his cousin, S. B. Kennedy, who was engaged in the coal business, and later John F. was admitted into partnership in the concern. When this business was sold to Miller & Co., the cousins went to the Tidoute oil fields, in Warren County, where they carried on a business for two years, and in 1873 John F. Kennedy came to Courtney. A short time later he took charge of the Courtney Coal Co., in which concern he was a partner until 1891, when the business was sold to Corey & Co. For a long period Mr. Kennedy has been closely identified with real estate interests in this section. He helped lay out the original town, built the first house here, sold every house originally in the town, and was one of the organizers of the old brick works. He is president of the Courtney Ferry, of which Joseph Lytle is secretary and treasurer, and is director in the First National Bank at Monongahela, of which he was an organizer. In addition to his many business interests Mr. Kennedy has found time to give a good deal of attention to the raising of Jersey and Guernsey cattle, and to the breeding of fast road and track horses.

On June 3, 1872, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage with Sarah E. Gault, daughter of Andrew Gault. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church at Monongahela City. His political views are those of the Republican party, and he has served as justice of the peace for five years, and as

county coroner for four years, being first appointed by Governor Beaver, and later, in 1887, elected to that office.

J. R. McNARY, of Burgettstown, Pa., a retired farmer of Smith Township, is a worthy representative of one of the most numerous and influential of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, some of whom were located within the boundaries of Washington County, prior to its organization as a county of the Commonwealth.

James McNary, the ancestor or founder of the McNary family of Pennsylvania, is the most remote ancestor of whom accurate knowledge is obtainable. He was born in Scotland (probably) about the year 1711 A. D. He was a man of medium size, spoke with a broad Scotch brogue, and was a shoemaker by trade. Tradition says that he resided in Ireland for some years prior to emigrating to America, whence he was accompanied by his four sons and one daughter.

As to the origin of the family name and whether of the Irish, or of Scotch race or lineage, there is some doubt. We learn, upon the authority of an old Celtic scholar, that:

"The name McNary, as it now stands, signifies 'son of the King.' In old Celtic language, Mac-son, Na—of the, Ry—king. In Celtic it is written rig (pronounced re); French—roi; Spanish—rey; Italian—re; Latin—rex, regis. The original form was McEnarig (pronounced McEnáry) which meant 'King's son or crowned prince.' The name has been Anglicized into McNary, McNairy, McEnary, McHenery and McNair. The family is Irish in its origin, and is descended directly from one of the sons of King Brian Boru, who was killed at the battle of Clontarf, when the Danish invaders were finally driven out of the island."

Regardless of the authenticity of the foregoing explanation, it matters little to the thorough American whether he be descended from Irish king or Scottish lord. The evidence is clear, however, that the McNary ancestry resided many generations in Scotland before removing to Ireland or emigrating to America; that the original name was "MacNary" and that the family is of veritable Scotch-Irish descent.

James McNary, previously mentioned, emigrated from the north of Ireland with his family to his new home, over the seas, some years prior to A. D. 1760; the precise date of coming to America is not known, but in 1760 the records show, James McNary purchased from Samuel Esson, a farm in Lower Chancetown Township, York County, Pa., for three pounds, ten shillings, upon which he made his home until after the American Revolution. He and his eldest son, John McNary, were elected elders of the Associate Presbyterian Church at Guinston, Pa., May 15, 1769. The four sons of James

McNary—John, James, Thomas and David—were all participants in the Revolutionary struggle for national independence. John and David were members of their brother, Capt. Thomas McNary's Company, Sixth Battalion, York County Militia, William Ross, colonel, and took part in the campaigns of Washington's Army at the battles of Monmouth, Trenton and Brandywine. At the close of the Revolutionary War, this aged emigrant, with his son David, removed from Chanceford, York County, to a farm in Hanover Township, Washington County. This was in A. D. 1783—the location being near the Virginia State line (near the present village of Paris). After enduring many hardships and privations, and facing grave dangers from the murderous incursions of the hostile Indians upon the unprotected settlers of the frontier, this aged patriarch was, in the year 1796, gathered to his fathers, and his remains are interred (probably) in the "Tent" burying grounds in West Virginia, adjacent to the village of Eldersville, in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa.

John McNary, the eldest son of James McNary, the Scotch-Irish emigrant, continued to reside at Chanceford on the old McNary homestead, where he died in March, 1802, and his remains lie in the burying grounds at Guinston Church; but all the members of his family, together with the three other McNary brothers, with their families, removed to Washington County in the last quarter of the eighteenth century.

James McNary, eldest son of John McNary, of Chanceford Township, and grandson of the original James, was the grandfather of the subject proper of this sketch. He was born in York County, Pa., November 11, 1769. On October 22, 1797, he was united in marriage to Margaret Reed, of Chanceford, York County, Pa., who was born October 8, 1772, a daughter of Col. Joseph Reed, of the Revolutionary Army, member of the legislature in 1780, who introduced the measure leading to the emancipation of the slaves of Pennsylvania; also a member of the Continental Congress, 1787-88.

Early in the spring of 1798, James McNary and his wife Margaret (Reed) McNary, crossed the Allegheny Mountains and located in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, upon a part of the tract of land, received as compensation by his father-in-law, Col. Reed, from Col. James Marshall, for the transportation of Rev. Joseph Smith and family over the mountains to become the first pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church—the said Rev. Smith being the "worthy" in honor of whom Smith Township was named, at the date of the organization of the county. After a brief wedded life of eleven years James McNary died, July 12, 1809, aged forty years. His devoted widow survived her husband fifty-seven years, dying at the home of her son, Joseph

McNary, in Smith Township, May 25, 1866, aged ninety-four years. They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: John, Joseph and James; Nancy, wife of John McKee; Esther, wife of Judge Thomas McCarrell; and Janet, wife of Joseph Lyle. James and Margaret McNary were members of the Seceder (now the U. P.) Church at Hickory, Pa., and they are interred in the U. P. Cemetery at that place.

Joseph McNary, father of our subject, and second son of James and Margaret (Reed) McNary, was born on the home place in Cross Creek Township, June 16, 1802. He was reared to an agricultural life and being early orphaned, had few advantages for intellectual improvement and self culture; yet, by strict industry, economy and perseverance, he rose to occupy an honored position among his fellow citizens, and became a power for good in the community in which he resided. On the second day of March, 1826, he was wedded to Jane Rea, youngest daughter of William Rea, Esq., of Cross Creek Township, who, along with James Edgar and Aaron Lyle, composed the "trinity" of prominent and active public leaders in pioneer times. William Rea was a son of Col. Samuel Rea, of Northampton County, Pa., who was an officer in the Continental forces in the time of the Revolution. A sister of William Rea, Ann Rea, a daughter of Col. Samuel Rea, was the grandmother of the wife of the late ex-President Benjamin Harrison. After a brief residence in Cross Creek Township, Joseph and Jane (Rea) McNary removed in the year 1827, to Smith Township, locating upon the premises now owned and occupied by the Jones Brothers, for the operating of the "Francis Mines" of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, on the Panhandle Railroad, one mile west of Burgettstown, Pa. Here they continued to reside to the end of their days. Joseph McNary was a successful and progressive farmer and filled many local positions of trust with fidelity and honor. He was long a ruling elder in the U. P. Church at Burgettstown, Pa. He reared a family of ten children who lived to maturity—two sons: Joseph R. McNary, (subject proper) and W. James McNary, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and eight daughters. The mother of this family died in 1866; the father in 1874. Both are interred in the Fairview Cemetery at Burgettstown, Pa.

Joseph Rea McNary, eldest son of Joseph and Jane (Rea) McNary, was born on the old McNary homestead in Smith Township, one mile west of Burgettstown (on the line of the P., C., & St. L. R. R.) July 19, 1847, where he was reared to manhood, receiving the benefit of a public school education, supplemented by a course of instruction in the grammar school of Prof. S. F. Patterson, who later became Speaker of the Pennsylv-

John McNary (1738-1802), Col. Joseph Reed (1733-1804), and Col. Samuel Rea (1734-1813) served as officers in the Revolutionary Army.

**James McNary**  
1711-1796  
(Born in Scotland)  
York Co., Pa.

John McNary  
1738-1802

Esther Boyle

James McNary

Esther Boyle

Col. Joseph Reed  
1733-1804

Janet Brotherton  
1745-1838

Alexander Rea  
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(Born in Ireland)  
Northampton Co.,  
Pa.

Col. Saml. Rea  
1734-1813

**Ann McCracken**

Thomas Mason

Isaac Grist

Saml. J. Ghrist

**Maria Willison**

Catherine Ghris

**John Stevenson**

Marv ———

**William Vance**  
1718-1788  
(Born in Scotland)  
Winchester, Va.

Maj. Joseph Vance  
1750-1832

born in Scotland  
Winchester, Va.

vania House of Representatives. In connection with his brother, W. James McNary, J. R. McNary took charge of the home farm after the death of the father in 1874, and engaged in farming and stock raising, breeding and exhibiting American Merino sheep and Poland China swine. Later the homestead was divided between the brothers, J. R. retaining the "mansion" property. Here the McNary brothers resided until 1903, when their two farms became the property of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, and is the site of their extensive "Francis Mines" west of Burgettstown.

In November, 1875, J. R. McNary was united in marriage to Catherine Ghrist, daughter of the late Samuel J. Ghrist, of Burgettstown. Mrs. J. R. McNary is a granddaughter of Jane (Vance) Stevenson, wife of James Stevenson, (one of the early settlers of Smith Township, and a soldier of 1812,) and a daughter of Maj. Joseph Vance, who came from Winchester, Va., and located at and erected Vance's Fort, in Cross Creek Township, in 1773. This fort or "block house," was the city of refuge for the pioneer settlers of the northern townships of the county, in the perilous days of Indian depredations, during, and following the "Lord Dunmore" War. Maj. Vance was a leader among the pioneers of those troubled times, and he, along with many other settlers of the northern townships, accompanied the famous "Williamson Expedition" to the Moravian Settlement in Ohio, in the year 1783, that has been the subject of much comment, favorable and otherwise, for the past century and a quarter. This incident reminds us that all races of the human family possess a "streak of the wild" which may, under intense provocation, hark back to acts of primitive savagery.

To Joseph R. and Catherine G. McNary have been born six children. Bessie Jane is the wife of John M. Scott, of Chester, W. Va. They have two children—Catherine E. and Harry McNary. Ethel R. McNary is a teacher and is a graduate of the Indiana (Pa.) State Normal School. Joseph V., the eldest son, is a civil engineer, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, 1905, and is assistant engineer in the Bureau of Construction, Pittsburg, Pa. On October 16, 1907, he was married to Catherine Luke Hays, daughter of Rev. Dr. W. M. Hays, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown. They have one daughter, Mary Helen. They reside in Brookline, South Side, Pittsburg; S. Georgiana McNary, a graduate of the Indiana State Normal School, Class of 1902, is the wife of William Ernest Taylor. He is a civil engineer and is president of the Monarch Coal Company of Pennington Gap, Va., general manager of mines at Wallsend, Ky., and of the Big Hill Coal Company, near Heidelberg, Ky. They have two daughters—Catherine Rosette and Georgiana.

Katherine G. McNary, the youngest daughter, is the wife of Samuel J. McCalmont, who is employed as book-keeper at the Francis Mines of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, in Smith Township. They have one son, James Edwin. Samuel J. McNary, the youngest son, is a student at the Pennsylvania State College, in the Class of 1910, school of electrical engineering. After disposing of the farm to the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, J. R. McNary and family removed to Burgettstown in 1905, where he now lives a retired life.

Early in life, Mr. McNary developed a taste for literature; being of an inquiring bent of mind, and a diligent and persistent reader, he soon took rank as one of the well informed citizens of the township, and became a writer of some note. While upon the farm he was attached to the editorial staff of the National Stockman and Farmer, of Pittsburg, Pa., the leading agricultural paper of the East, to which publication he contributed for many years. He has served as township auditor and as school director and as a member of the Union Agricultural Association. As corresponding secretary he was largely instrumental in compiling and publishing of a complete history (in 1907) of the McNary family of Pennsylvania, giving names and address of upward of 2,000 members of the "clan." In politics, Mr. McNary is a devout believer in the pure and simple Democracy of Thomas Jefferson, and is a party man up to the supporting of unworthy candidates for office—where a halt is called. In religion, Mr. McNary and family are Presbyterians, members of the First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, Rev. W. M. Hays, pastor.

GEORGE MYFORD,\* who has been proprietor of the Hotel Myford at Charleroi, Pa., since October 14, 1907, was born in Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of Francis Myford, who for many years conducted a hotel at Sunnyside, Pa.

George Myford was reared at Sunnyside, Pa., and after leaving the school began working in the mines. It was in a mine accident that he, on September 11, 1893, lost his right arm, but in spite of this he continued at this work until 1900. He has since that time been engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Commercial Hotel at Monessen, Pa., for about five years before coming to Charleroi. On October 14, 1907, Mr. Myford bought the Hotel Chaney, now known as the Hotel Myford, from W. S. McFeely, and has since successfully conducted it. The hotel is located on the corner of Sixth street and Fal-lowfield avenue.

Mr. Myford was united in marriage with Miss Sarah H. Melvey and they have had seven children, namely: Mercy Iola, Ellen Marie, John Francis, Samuel Alexander Stophor, Ruth Eldora, George Curtis Gregg, and





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Jessie Irene. The last mentioned is deceased. Fraternally, Mr. Myford is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Eagles and the Knights of Pythias.

ORRIN B. STEVENSON,\* an enterprising young business man of Florence, Washington County, Pa., where he is manager of the R. P. Stevenson general store, was born at Frankfort, Beaver County, Pa., December 22, 1884, and is a son of R. P. and Nettie (Bigger) Stevenson.

R. P. Stevenson is a substantial farmer of Hanover Township, Washington County, where he owns 191 acres of valuable land. He is locally a man of importance and is secretary of the Hanover Township road commission, of which Orrin B. Stevenson is treasurer. He is the owner of the general store at Florence, which his son manages with much success, doing a large but safe business and displaying much mercantile capacity. R. P. Stevenson married Nettie Bigger, who is now deceased, and their children were: Laura B., who married Joseph D. Cooley; Richard R., and Orrin B.

Orrin B. Stevenson attended the Robert's school in Beaver County, later Frankfort Academy, and then was a student in the Washington Business College. He then went to Sheridanville with the intention of learning the carpenter's trade, but finding it not to his liking, turned his attention to dealing in real estate. His father then purchased the general store at Florence and Mr. Stevenson has managed the business at this point ever since and to great advantage. Both father and son are staunch Republicans. Mr. Stevenson was reared in the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Lodge No. 607, Odd Fellows at Florence. He is one of the popular young men of the village.

WILLIAM G. BRENTON,\* who with is brother, Johnston P. Brenton, owns and operates the Brenton Brothers' Meat Market at West Brownsville, Pa., has been a resident here since about 1894 and was born October 31, 1871 on a farm in East Pike Run Township, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Johnston) Brenton.

Isaac Brenton, also a native of East Pike Run Township, was born on the farm on which his father, Joseph Brenton, a native of Virginia, settled at an early period. He married Jane Johnston, who was born in Ireland, and came to this country during her girlhood days, with her parents, Thomas Johnston and wife, and of their union were born the following children: Johnston P., who is engaged in business with our subject; James; William G.; Louisa, who married David Watkins; Henry; Emily; Elizabeth; Joseph, deceased; and Allen, deceased. The father died on the farm in East Pike Run Township when our subject was but a boy, and is still survived by his widow, who is a resident of West Brownsville, Pa.

William G. Brenton was reared on the farm, where

he continued to live until about 1894, when he came to West Brownsville, Pa., where for the past ten or twelve years he has been engaged in conducting a meat market in partnership with is brother, Johnston P. Brenton. The Brenton Brothers have established an extensive and profitable business at West Brownsville, and also own their own slaughter house in East Pike Run Township.

GEORGE N. CUMMINS,\* general farmer, residing three miles north of Canonsburg, in Cecil Township, where he owns seventy-six acres of valuable land, was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of J. L. Cummins, who resides at Canonsburg. He attended school in both Chartiers and Independence Townships, after which he engaged in farming on the home place until his marriage. Following that he resided for a time in Chartiers Township and then moved to Cecil Township, investing in his present property. He has done a large amount of improving here and carries on general farming and dairying, for the latter industry keeping thoroughbred cattle and shipping twenty-five gallons of milk daily to Pittsburg.

On March 3, 1882, Mr. Cummins was married to Miss Anna Crumm, a daughter of Andrew Crumm, of Canonsburg, and they have two children: Alvin L., a bright youth attending the Canonsburg Academy; and Lillian, who is a student in the home school. Mr. and Mrs. Cummins are members of the Greenside Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. Although Mr. Cummins is interested in public matters in his own community and never fails to vote with the Republican party, it is a well known fact that he desires no political advancement for himself.

WILLIAM H. BOYLE,\* a representative business man of Roscoe, Pa., where he is engaged in the grocery line, has been a resident of this town since April, 1897. He was born at Green Oaks, Allegheny County, Pa., June 1, 1875, and is a son of Edwin R. and Mary A. (Tyson) Boyle.

The parents of Mr. Boyle moved to Allenport, Pa., in 1881, where the father has been foreman of Vesta Mine No. 1 ever since, and William H. Boyle was reared there and after attending the local schools, began to work in the mines when sixteen years of age. Later he attended the State Normal School at California, Pa., and still later took a course at Monongahela College, at Jefferson, Pa. Mr. Boyle then accepted a position in a grocery store at McKeesport, where he remained three and one-half years and then embarked in business for himself at Roscoe. Until 1900, he maintained his home at Elco and each day went back and forth, but then moved to Roscoe where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Boyle married Miss Fannie Gainer, a native of Washington County, and they have three children: Ed-

wiu, Grace and Dorothy. Mr. Boyle is a member of the Roscoe school board. He is identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

BLANCHER DIX NORTHRUP, machinist, and owner of an iron and brass foundry at Washington, Pa., comes of one of the oldest established families in America, and is one of the leading and enterprising citizens of Washington County.

The Northrup family was established in this country by Joseph Northrup, who landed here in 1637 and settled in Connecticut, where he married Mary Norton, and according to the records of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York, ninety-five of his male descendants bearing the paternal name, fought for American Independence in the Revolutionary War. Our subject, B. D. Northrup, is of the ninth generation of the Northrup family in America. He was eight years of age when his parents came to the oil fields of Pennsylvania, which region was then but little better than a wilderness. His education was such as could be obtained in the schools of that period and we find him in his early boyhood pumping an oil well and running a regular tour from midnight until noon for the late Jonathan Watson, of Titusville, Pa. At the age of sixteen years he apprenticed himself to J. H. Luther, of Petroleum City, Pa., who was regarded as one of the best and most expert machinists in the oil country. After leaving the employ of Mr. Luther, he drifted with the excited element from Butler County to the Bullion field in Venango County, and in 1876 when Bullion's star commenced to pale he emigrated to Bradford field, where he remained until 1880, when he went back to Butler County until 1884. He then went to Bradford field, where he worked as journeyman machinist until the shut-down movement was inaugurated, after which he came to Washington County and engaged in business for himself at Washington, his equipments being one lathe and one drill press. About this time Mr. Northrup perfected and placed upon the market his noted steam gas regulator, which met with most wonderful success, and two years after establishing the business was enabled to build his present plant to which he has since added a finely equipped iron and brass foundry. This plant lies 334 feet along the P., C., C. & St. L. R. R., is 165 feet in width and was erected in 1898, giving employment to about sixty men, all of whom are capable, many of them having been with Mr. Northrup fifteen years. The motive power of the plant is furnished by a gas engine, and the entire establishment is heated by steam, the whole plant being one of the finest and most complete in the oil region. Mr. Northrup has given his entire time to the business and has demonstrated what perseverance and ability can accomplish, when justly applied, and has become con-

spicuous as a manufacturer of oil well devices and appliances of various kinds. One of the principal products of his shops is the most reliable gas regulators in existence, 8,000 of them being in use from New York to California, the territory embraced being the oil and gas fields of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Canada. Mr. Northrup is also very successful in the manufacturing of "The Either Steam-Gas Engine."

Mr. Northrup is one of the leading citizens of Washington County, enterprising, industrious and ever ready to give aid to any enterprise, which tends to develop or improve the community in which he lives.

In 1882, Mr. Northrup was joined in marriage with Emma Hollobaugh, who was born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, and is the youngest daughter of Squire Jacob Hollobaugh, of Armstrong County. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Northrup, namely: Mary, married F. C. Coppes, of Allegheny; Burton, a student at Cornell University; and Sarah Margaret at home.

WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,\* one of Washington's leading business men, who has been engaged in the grocery business here since 1907, was born in Center County, Pa., in 1856, where he attended the local schools and the Pennsylvania State College.

Mr. Mitchell has been connected with mercantile interests during almost his entire business life. When he left college he served as a clerk in a store at Lamont until he had gained some experience and then became manager of the stores of J. B. B. Melvin, at Frugality, Pa., and from there went to Gallitzan, Pa., as manager for Taylor-McCoy & Company. His next position was as manager of the stores for the Berwin-White Coal Mining Company and he continued there until he came to Washington, where he bought out J. B. Strable. Mr. Mitchell carries a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and his long experience in the business has enabled him to offer the best quality of goods at reasonable prices and still to maintain a reasonable amount of profit. He has found that the people of Washington are quick to recognize first-class commodities and also honorable business methods.

In 1883, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Annie Irvin, of Oak Hall, Center County, Pa., and they have one son, Joseph Irvin, who is a promising student at Washington Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the Masonic bodies at Washington, the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council.

E. R. WEISE,\* manager and leaser of the Germania mine, at Finleyville, Pa., has been a resident of this

place since 1901 and is known as an energetic and reliable business man. He was born in Saxony, Germany, March 4, 1866, and before coming to America, in 1881, had attended school for nine years. He is a son of August and Henriette (Tressler) Weise.

Both parents of Mr. Weise were natives of Germany. The father's occupation was coal mining. He worked until 1881 in the mines of Saxony and then decided to emigrate with his family to the United States, hoping to find better industrial conditions. In eighteen days from the time they left their German home they reached West Newton, Pa., where the father and eldest son began work for Lattimer Bros. & Co., at the old Yoek Slope mine, and as the other sons grew old enough, they also became miners. The father now lives retired at West Newton, having spent fifty years as a coal miner. Four of the children were born in Germany and four in America, the family record being: Edmon Robert; Otto, deceased; Fredia, wife of Peter Snyder; Olga, wife of John Keek; William; Walter; Clara, wife of August Petrick; and Minnie, wife of E. Haggerty.

E. R. Weise continued to work for Lattimer Bros. in the coal mines until he was married, when he and his wife settled at Snowden, Allegheny County, Pa. He became an employe of the Pittsburg & Chicago Coal Company, remaining with them for ten years, and then of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Miller's Run, working as fire boss for four months. He was fire boss at Lick Run after that for eighteen months; was mine foreman at First Pool No. 2, for four months; fire boss of the Eclipse mine for three months; mine boss of the Germania mine for one year; mine boss at Nottingham mine for three years; mine boss for the Hazel Kirke Coal Company (Hazel Kirke Mine No. 2), one year; mine boss of the Euclid mine for four months, this bringing him, with a great wealth of practical mine experience, up to 1907, when he leased the Germania mine from the Pittsburg Coal Company. Employment is given forty men and the output averages 200 tons of coal per day.

Mr. Weise was married in December, 1887, to Miss Alma George, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of Lewis and Hennie George. The mother of Mrs. Weise died in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Weise have eight children—Frank, Minnie, Lewis, Paul, Clara, Eleanor, Carl and Ralph. Mr. Weise bought his present comfortable home in 1905. He is a Republican and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Monongahela and belongs to the Marion Game and Protective Association at Finleyville.

JACOB WILL, owner and proprietor of the Hotel Will, one of the leading hostleries of McDonald, Pa., was born in Allegheny County, Pa., October 22, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Emerencia Will. Mr. Will lost both parents when he was very young, his mother

dying when he was six years old, while his father, with three others, was a victim in a coal mine accident, when the subject of this sketch was nine years old. By these domestic afflictions five children were left orphans, namely: Phillips, Jacob, Barbara, John and Frank. The daughter, Barbara, married Frank Weinheimer.

During his father's lifetime, Jacob Will attended the public schools and when he was left an orphan found many kind people in the mining regions to offer him protection, many of them, at one time or another, having suffered bereavement from the mines. He managed to take care of himself to the extent of being self supporting until he was old enough to learn the barber's trade and this he followed for about twenty years. He then turned his attention to hotel keeping, taking charge of the St. James Hotel, at Irwin, Pa., where he remained four years, then conducting the Hotel Will at New Kensington, for ten years, after which he built the McDonald Hotel and was proprietor of it for three years. From there he went to Monongahela City, and for four years conducted the Hotel Beatty. He then erected the handsome structure at McDonald, called the Hotel Will, equipping it with modern comforts and conveniences. He is well and widely known to the traveling public and has friends in every direction.

In 1874 Mr. Will was married to Miss Anna Belle Collins, and they have had the following children: John E., Emma Gertrude, Guy C., C. L., Sallie Belle, and Anna May, the last named dying when nineteen years of age. Emma Gertrude is the wife of H. H. Beatty. Mr. Will and family attend the Baptist Church. He is a staunch Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in public matters. He is a member of the order of Heptasophs, at New Kensington, and of the Royal Arcanum, at West Newton, Pa.

CHARLES F. ALRUTZ,\* who, through his various industries is known all over Washington County, resides on his valuable farm of 218 acres, which is situated in Mt. Pleasant Township, four miles south of Hickory, Pa. He was born in Germany, February 17, 1849, and is a son of Christopher and Malissa (Kinnemond) Alrutz.

The father of Mr. Alrutz was born in Hanover, Germany, February 22, 1812, and died on the present farm, his burial being in Buffalo Cemetery, March 4, 1897. When he came first to Washington County he settled on the line of Hopewell and Canton Townships, and worked by the day for farmers and later bought land in Hopewell Township. In 1880, in association with his son, Charles F., he purchased the present farm and spent his subsequent life here. He was a member of the Lutheran Church at Washington, and in politics he was a Democrat. His widow did not survive him long.

her death taking place January 18, 1898, and her burial was in the same cemetery. They had three children, Charles F., Fred and Louisa.

Charles F. Alrutz went to school in both Hopewell and Cantou Townships, after which he spent seven years as a teamster hauling coal into Washington. In 1867 Mr. Alrutz went to farming and also entered into the threshing business and operated a sawmill. For forty years he has been engaged in threshing, missing but five days in the season, and those were spent in procuring repairs for his machinery. He undoubtedly enjoys the distinction of having been the longest engaged in continuous work in this line of anyone in Washington County. During late years he has operated each fall only through Mt. Pleasant, Cross Creek, Canton and Hopewell Townships, but formerly his territory covered a large part of the county, extending as far as McDonald, Burgettstown and Claysville. During the period of his first marriage he lived with his father, but after his second marriage he took charge of the farm and has continued to operate it. All of the land is tillable and productive, with the exception of fifteen acres yet in woodland.

On May 1, 1872, Mr. Alrutz was married to Miss Mary Uller, a daughter of George Uller, of North Strabane Township. Two children were born to that marriage: Charles C., who married a daughter of David Briggs; and Nancy, who married H. C. Razzel, of South Strabane Township. Mr. Alrutz married for his second wife, April 6, 1898, Miss Mary M. Dugan, a daughter of Peter Dugan, of Allegheny County, and they have two children, Edna and Mary May. Mr. Alrutz and wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He always casts his vote with the Democratic party, exercising his right as a citizen, but has never desired any public office.

GEORGE C. BRICELAND,\* a well known citizen of Canonsburg, belongs to a family that has been identified with this section for more than 100 years. He was born at Canonsburg, Pa., November 22, 1862, and is a son of John and Emily J. (Zimmerman) Briceland.

Thomas Briceland, who was the great-grandfather of George C. Briceland, was born in North Ireland and when he came first to Washington County, at a very early day, he was accompanied by his brother, James Briceland. They settled at a point which became known as Briceland Cross Roads, the present site of Florence, and there they kept a hotel. Later Thomas Briceland moved to Canonsburg, where he seems to have been a man of consequence, as he was elected a member of the first village council, in 1802.

John Briceland, son of Thomas and grandfather of George C., was a resident of Canonsburg, where he died

when aged seventy-two years. He was married three times, his second wife bearing the name of Ross and his third that of Proudfoot. His first wife, whose name has not been preserved, was the grandmother of George C. Briceland.

John Briceland (2), son of John and father of George C., was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1832. In young manhood he spent some years in the West and later became the proprietor of the Briceland Hotel at Canonsburg, which he was conducting at the time of his death, in 1900. He married Emily Jane Zimmerman, who was born at Canonsburg and still resides in this borough. One of her ancestors was a Donaldson. Her parents died in Washington County. Her mother was married (second) to Henry McAfee. Mrs. Briceland has one brother, William Zimmerman, who is a resident of Brier Hill, and two sisters: Mary Ellen and Margaret. The former married Josiah Chambers, and the latter married James Layburn, of Canonsburg. The children born to John and Emily Briceland were the following: William Newton, residing on College street, Canonsburg, a carpenter by trade; John H., who also follows the carpenter trade at Canonsburg; George C.; Julia, who is the wife of Joseph McMillan, of South Canonsburg; Emily, who is the wife of W. J. Balentine, of Cecil Township; Artis, who resides at Crofton, and is a painter by trade; Walter, who married Miss Tessa Vance; Mary, who married Albert Vance, of South Canonsburg; Harriet, who is the wife of Mark Morrison, and resides on Greenside avenue, Canonsburg; Wade Hampton, who resides at home, is a painter by trade; and Ida, who also lives at home.

George C. Briceland obtained his education in the schools of Canonsburg and remained at home until he was twenty years of age. He then went to Pittsburg and learned stair-building and was employed there for twelve years, after which he was engaged in the grocery and produce business with the firm of W. R. Bell & Company, and then purchased an interest from Thomas Jackson, shoe merchant at Canonsburg. After Mr. Jackson's death, Mr. Briceland conducted the business alone for about nine years. During the past five years he has been working at his trade, in which he is an expert, and does some contracting in Pittsburg.

Mr. Briceland was married in 1885 to Miss Lila Jackson, a daughter of Joseph and Fannie Jackson, of Canonsburg, and they have three children: Frances Emma, who is a bookkeeper for the Citizens Trust Company; Thomas Earle, who is employed in the purchasing department of the Fort Pitt Bridge Works, at Canonsburg; and George Franklin, who is still a student in the public schools. In his political sentiments, Mr. Briceland has been a staunch adherent of the Democratic party, as was





JAMES A. BUBBETT



his father, but he has had no ambition to serve in office. He belongs to the beneficiary order of the Royal Arcanum.

JAMES A. BUBBETT, attorney-at-law, with offices at No. 80 South Main street, Washington, Pa., is numbered with the rising young men of Washington County, apparently entering upon a successful career both in his profession and in politics. He was born in Hanover Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1882, and is a son of Willis C. and Kate E. (Burns) Bubbett.

Willis C. Bubbett, who died in the infancy of his son, James A., was born also in Hanover Township and was a son of James Bubbett, who was one of the early settlers in this section. His occupation was farming. The mother of Mr. Bubbett survives and resides on the old homestead in Hanover Township. The maternal grandfather was John B. Burns, a well-known citizen.

James A. Bubbett was reared in Hanover Township and was educated in the public schools and Ingleside Academy, at Burgettstown, after its removal from McDonald, and later took a business course at Washington. He studied law with the firm of Duncan, Chalfant & Warne, and was admitted to the senior class in the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, attending that institution one year. He immediately entered into the practice of law at Washington. From early manhood he has been active in local politics and has recently been elected to the responsible office of chairman of the Democratic County Committee, this testifying to the confidential relations existing between him and the party leaders of the State. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and he was reared in the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. JEWELL,\* one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of West Finley, Pa., where he conducts the popular Jewell House, belongs to a family that is well and favorably known in this part of Pennsylvania. Mr. Jewell was born in 1845, in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel and Eliza Ann (Johnson) Jewell.

Samuel Jewell, who spent all of his life in Green County, was a cabinet maker and undertaker by occupation, conducting an establishment at Waynesburg for thirty-five years. Later he purchased the old hotel in that vicinity and the farm surrounding it, and conducted it from 1865 until 1879, or until the time of his death. He held many township offices, and served on numerous juries, including the one which cleared the famous VanAtti of a murder charge in Greene County. He and his wife were the parents of children as follows: Phoebe, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Condit; Marguerite, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Zollard;

George M., who resides at Washington, Pa.; Zerine, who met his death at Hagerstown, Md., during the Civil War; Charity, deceased, who was the wife of John Ackley; Mary Jane, who married W. T. Hayes, of Waynesburg; John H.; Samuel M., who resides at Wheeling, W. Va.; and Annie Eliza, deceased, who married James Carter.

The education of John H. Jewell was secured in the common schools and Waynesburg College, and after leaving the latter institution at the age of twenty-one years, he began assisting his father in the hotel. Later he learned the trade of carpenter and stair-builder, becoming a contractor in Wheeling, and doing considerable work all over western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In 1897 Mr. Jewell purchased a small hotel and farm at West Finley, and later bought his present establishment, a popular hostelry known as the Jewell House. He is a Democrat in politics and, although living in a district that is strongly Republican, is serving his second term as justice of the peace, having received more than two-thirds of the total votes cast during the last election and being practically forced to accept the office, although he was out of the county at the time of his nomination. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church at Charleroi.

In 1868 Mr. Jewell was married to Melvina Murrey, of Fayette County, who died one and one-half years later, leaving two children: Louise Bertha, the wife of Samuel Martin, of Amwell Township; and Ida Melvina, wife of James Gunkins, of Sand Hill, W. Va. Seven years later Mr. Jewell was married to Emma Evaus, daughter of Caleb Evans, of Amwell Township, and she lived about three and one-half years, dying without issue. In 1887 Mr. Jewell was married to Mary Margaret Dodd, daughter of Dr. Thaddens Dodd, of Amity, Amwell Township, and two children were born to this union: Lois Clare, who died in infancy; and John, a student at the Washington high school, who was born in 1891. Mrs. Jewell was the first woman in Charleroi after the establishment of the village, and her daughter Lois Clare, now deceased, was the first child born there.

CASSIUS A. DORSEY,\* who resides on the old Dorsey homestead, situated in East Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on the National turnpike road, about two miles west of Brownsville, is one of the most substantial and enterprising agriculturists and stock men of this section. Mr. Dorsey was born on this farm, March 29, 1864, and is a son of George and Martha (Phillips) Dorsey.

George Dorsey was born on the old river farm of his father, James Dorsey, in East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. James Dorsey was born at Elliott Mills, Md., where his father, Joseph Dorsey, resided until 1780, when he came to Washington

County and settled in East Bethlehem Township, where he built the stone house which still stands. He acquired 1,500 acres of land in this section of Washington County. In 1849, James Dorsey, grandfather of Cassius A. Dorsey, moved on the farm in East Pike Run Township and erected a fine brick house. Later it was destroyed by fire, but in 1888 the present handsome residence was built on the same site. James Dorsey died in 1852.

George Dorsey was sixteen years old when his parents came to the farm which is now owned by his two sons, Cassius A., and Charles I. Dorsey, and he engaged in farming and stock raising during the whole of his active life. In 1852 he was married to Martha Phillips, who was born in East Pike Run Township, a daughter of Solomon Phillips. Of their nine children there are only three survivors: Mrs. Elizabeth Grimes, Cassius A. and Charles I. The mother died in January, 1908, and was survived but a few months by the father, his death occurring in May, 1908.

Cassius A. and Charles I. Dorsey, who are in partnership in the ownership of a number of farms and in the profitable industries carried on on their various properties, including general agriculture, stock raising, dairying and dealing in horses and mules, both obtained their schooling in the township in which they were born and afterward helped their father. The home farm on which they live contains 315 acres, thirty-two acres lying in East Pike Run Township and the remainder in Centerville Borough. They own also the Joseph Williams farm of sixty acres, in Centerville Borough, and the Leonard Sword place, which contains seven acres, improved with twelve tenant houses, situated also in Centerville. The brothers have joined their interests and are numbered with the most progressive and successful business men of this part of Washington County.

Cassius A. Dorsey married Miss Henrietta Watkins, a daughter of John and Margery (Britton) Watkins, and they have had six children: Nellie, George, Collie, Ruth, Elma and Rebecca, two of these being deceased, Nellie and Collie. Mr. Dorsey served twelve years as a school director in East Pike Run Township, for two terms being secretary of the board, and one term its president. He belongs to the Grange.

Charles I. Dorsey was born January 25, 1867. He married Miss Annie Watkins, a daughter of John and Margery (Britton) Watkins, and they have had four children: Margery, Helen, Roscoe C. and Grace, Helen being now deceased. Charles I. Dorsey is a member of the school board of Centerville Borough.

CHARLES S. CALDWELL,\* manager of the A. B. Caldwell Company, the leading department store of Washington, and one of the most important mercantile con-

cerns of the county, was born at Washington, Pa., in 1869, and is a son of the late A. B. Caldwell, merchant, financier and capitalist. Mr. Caldwell is the only surviving son of his parents and with his sisters compose the present membership of the Caldwell Company.

Charles S. Caldwell was educated at Washington, and has been identified with his present business since he was sixteen years of age. The business block in which the A. B. Caldwell Company is installed is situated at Nos. 26-28 South Main street, Washington, and was erected by the founder of the business, the late A. B. Caldwell. The three stories and basement occupied give about 30,000 square feet of selling space. The first floor is devoted to dress goods, trimmings, notions, men's furnishings and clothing; the second floor to feminine belongings, including corsets, ladies' underwear, ready made garments and millinery; and the third floor to carpets, wall paper, merchant tailoring and pictures, while the basement is given up to curtains, upholstery, trunks and bags. The stock is reliable and modern in every particular; and the house finds its customers from all over the county. Employment is given to from sixty-five to seventy-five people, to whom ample wages are paid, and throughout the whole house modern ideas prevail.

Charles S. Caldwell was married in 1900 to Miss Eleanor Baird, who is a member of one of the old county families. They have a beautiful home at No. 54 West Maiden street, Washington.

JOHN ADOLPH SMITH,\* a member of the select Council of the First Ward, at Monongahela City, and engaged in business as a coal merchant, is one of the representative and enterprising business men of this place. He was born at Essen, Germany, February 23, 1856, son of Gerhard and Lena (Schmidt) Smith. The father was a merchant in Germany, and his other children were, Joseph, residing in California; and Anna and Mary, both of whom are deceased. John Adolph and his younger brother, Joseph Smith, were the only members of the family who came to America.

John Adolph Smith attended school in his native land until he was eighteen years of age, and then, according to the military law of his country, became a soldier. In 1876 he entered the German Army as a private and later gained promotion, first being commissioned corporal and later sergeant in Company 12, 42nd Regiment Infantry, and was honorably discharged in November, 1880, his service having been on the French frontier. In June, 1881, he left his native land for the United States, taking passage on a vessel of the Red Star line, and fourteen days later landed in the city of New York. Two weeks later he reached Richville, Pa., where he worked for two weeks as a miner. On August 6, 1881,

he came to Monongahela and became a coal miner here, and after being in the employ of James Jones for five years, was promoted to be mine foreman. He worked in that position for two years at Gallitin, then Rankin, across the river, after which he started a country mine at Monongahela, and has prospered in the coal business.

In September, 1882, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Henrietta Walger, a daughter of John and Henrietta Walger, all of whom came from Germany, and the parents died in America. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith the following children were born: Amelia, who married T. A. Schmidt, and has one daughter, Margaret Schmidt; and John G., Leonora, Ida, Clara, Pauline, Mary, Emma, Elizabeth, Alfred and Arthur. Mr. Smith and family belong to the German Catholic Church. Mr. Smith is an active and interested citizen. He votes with the Republican party, and he is now serving in his second year in the select Council, proving himself a valuable advisor of that body. He is identified with the Order of the Moose, No. 125, at Monongahela, and with the North American Turnerbund, at Charleroi, Pa.

**LEWIS BROTHERS,\*** a firm of representative business men at McDonald Pa., oil operators, ice dealers and teaming contractors, have led in these lines of activity at this place since 1899. The firm is made up of Thomas and Benjamin Lewis, sons of Thomas F. and Mary (Jones) Lewis.

The parents of the Lewis brothers are both deceased and their remains rest in the Robeson Run Cemetery. The father was a coal miner during his earlier life, but in later years engaged in teaming at McDonald. He was a staunch Republican and never failed to perform all duties resting on him as a good citizen. His children were the following: Margaret, who married George Grimes; Mary, who married Alexander Plance; Maggie, who married Edward Hershel; Lydia, who married Albert Ridley; Ida, who married Oliver Bish; Elizabeth, who married John O'Neal; and Henry, Thomas and Benjamin.

Thomas Lewis, of the firm of Lewis Brothers, was born in Mercer County, Pa., March 4, 1876. His education was obtained in the public schools and as soon as old enough he became associated with his father in the teaming business and continued after the father's death. He then entered into partnership with his brother, Benjamin Lewis and in 1899 the firm went into the oil business and also started their other industries and being capable business men have wonderfully prospered.

In May, 1896, Thomas Lewis was married to Miss Emma Behling, a daughter of August and Minnie Behling, and they have five children: Terza, Ola, Thomas, Mildred and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members

of the United Presbyterian Church at McDonald. Like his father, Mr. Lewis is a staunch Republican.

Benjamin Lewis, the partner of Thomas Lewis, was born in Mercer County, Pa., in 1872. He married Miss Minnie Behling, a daughter of August and Minnie Behling, and they have five children: Thomas, Ida, Benjamin, Elletta and Harry.

U. G. BOAK,\* who conducts a jewelry business at Venice, Pa., has been a resident of this borough for seventeen years. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., March 8, 1862, and is a son of R. J. and Annie (Kittredge) Boak. The mother of Mr. Boak died at Venice in 1905.

Mr. Boak was small when his parents moved to McKean County, Pa., where his father was connected with the oil industry, and there he attended school through boyhood, and later took a business course in a commercial college at Elmira, N. Y. He then came to Washington County and lived one year at McDonald, being connected with the Standard Oil Company at that time as an engineer. After his marriage he lived one year at Willow Grove and then located at Venice, where he embarked in the jewelry business. He has continued with the Standard Oil people and is their gauger at this point. He is a careful, reliable business man and one of the borough's active citizens, serving on the school board and acting as its secretary. He was married February 14, 1892, to Miss Lottie Tour, a daughter of Benjamin Tour, and they have four children: Rodger, Earl, Clyde, and Grant. In politics, Mr. Boak is a Republican. He is a Mason of high standing, having reached the thirty-second degree in the fraternity.

JOHN BOYD MCCLURE,\* a well known and successful merchant of Wyland Station, is also engaged in dairying and the stock business. He was born in 1853 in North Strabane Township and is a son of David and Nancy (Thomas) McClure. Mr. McClure was reared on his father's farm and obtained a common school education, after which he embarked in business as a huckster, shipping produce to Pittsburg, for about nineteen years. In 1894 he purchased from the William Kerr estate, his present storeroom and mercantile business at Wyland Station, which he has since conducted. Mr. McClure is also engaged in the dairy business, shipping milk extensively to Pittsburg, and is interested in buying and selling live stock.

In 1877 he was joined in marriage with Jennie Dunn, a daughter of Robert Dunn, of North Strabane Township, and they have one son, Robert David, who is in partnership with his father in the mercantile and dairy business, and is also assistant postmaster at Wyland, the office being kept in the McClure store. In politics, Mr.

McClure is identified with the Democratic party, but has never cared to hold office. The family are members of the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church.

W. B. PFLEGHARDT, a representative business man of Charleroi, Washington County, Pa., who is the proprietor of the leading furniture store of the place, was born at Fayette, Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of John and Charlotte Pfeighardt, who spent their entire lives in Fayette County. John Pfeighardt was a prosperous shoe merchant at Fayette. He was very active in the Masonic fraternity, missing but one meeting in a membership of forty-two years in that order.

W. B. Pfeighardt attended the Fayette schools and later took a course at Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he entered the employ of T. J. Wood, at Wood's Run, in Washington County, and continued with him for twenty years, having charge of the store and also acting as bookkeeper. He has been located at Charleroi for nine years and for seven of these has been in business at Nos. 530-532 Fallowfield avenue, but on April 1, 1910, expects to take possession of a four-story brick building which he is erecting at Nos. 416-418 Fallowfield avenue. This will be the finest business structure in Charleroi and Mr. Pfeighardt intends to occupy the whole building and to put in a complete line of furniture and carpets. Since coming to this place he has built up a large trade, not only in Charleroi but throughout the Monongahela Valley, and he has earned the reputation of being both a shrewd and honest business man and a public-spirited citizen. Mr. Pfeighardt is identified with the Masons and the Elks. He has never married.

ELGY CHAMBERLAIN,\* who deals extensively in hay, feed, grain, poultry, meats, eggs, etc., at West Brownsville, Pa., is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of that borough, and was born October 22, 1854, on a farm near Bentleyville, Pa., a son of Cephas and Mary Ann (Slusher) Chamberlain, who were farmers of Washington County.

Elgy Chamberlain was reared on the farm and at the age of eighteen became a traveling salesman at which he continued for a short time. He spent several years operating a photograph gallery on the road, and then two years on the farm near Bentleyville with his grandmother Slusher. He came to Brownsville and engaged in milling for twenty years, and two years after his mill was destroyed by fire removed to West Brownsville, where in 1899 he erected an ice plant, which he operated in partnership with S. H. Piersol under the firm name of Piersol and Chamberlain for three years. He then purchased his partner's interest in the business, which was afterward known as the Brownsville Storage and Ice

Company, and of which our subject was president, and his son, C. D. Chamberlain was secretary. Since 1906 he has dealt extensively in grain, feed, hay, poultry, meats, eggs, etc.

Mr. Chamberlain was joined in marriage with Catherine McCary and to them have been born three children: Estella (Mrs. Lewis), Harry C. and Paul. Mr. Chamberlain is identified with the Masonic order.

WILLIAM J. BURNS, M.D.,\* one of the leading physicians of Washington, Pa., who has been identified with the medical profession of this city since 1900, was born in 1868 in West Middletown, Washington County, Pa.

William J. Burns was about five years old when his parents removed to a farm near Claysville, and after obtaining an education in the common schools of that locality and the Edinborough State Normal, he taught five terms in the Washington schools. He then entered and graduated from the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, after which he located at Salem, Ohio, for three years, at the end of that time came to Washington, where he has since been located and has been highly successful in practice. He is a member of the State and county medical societies, is a member of the medical staff of the City Hospital, and is a stockholder of the Union Block and also of the Real Estate Trust Company. He holds membership with the Third Presbyterian Church, and is a Knight Templar Mason.

December 21, 1898, Dr. Burns was united in marriage with Bridgetta Stilwagon, of Claysville, and they have five children: William J., Jr.; Johanna J.; Emma E.; Charles C.; and Alexander.

THOMAS JEFFERSON FAWCETT,\* one of Union Township's substantial farmers and well known citizens, owns 200 acres of valuable land, residing on one tract of ninety acres situated on the Houston Run road, and also cultivating the second tract, of 110 acres, lying near Gastonville. He was born in Peters Township, Washington County, Pa., February 28, 1843, and is a son of Jonas and Nancy (McLoney) Fawcett.

Jonas Fawcett was born in the Fawcett settlement, near Fawcett Church, in Washington County, where for many years he was in business as a saddler and harness-maker. He married Nancy McLoney, who was a daughter of John McLoney, who died at Monongahela City, a grandson of an old pioneer, who entered government land in Peters Township. She lived to be seventy-nine years old but Jonas Fawcett died at the age of thirty-eight years. They had six children: Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of C. E. Patton; John, who lives in Kansas; James, who was a member of Co. D, 155th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness,

during the Civil War; Thomas J.; William, who resides in Peters Township; and Caroline, who is the widow of John Foster.

Thomas J. Fawcett was only eight years old when his father died. He went to school until he was twelve years old and then began the industrial battle, going out to work on farms until old enough to learn the carpenter's trade. He worked as a carpenter for a number of years before he turned his attention entirely to farming, settling then in Peters Township. In 1883 he purchased the farm on which he lives, from Larmer Gilmore and later, in partnership with the late Dr. Gambel, bought his other farm from the John Finley estate. In 1906 he secured the Gambel interest. Thus quietly and persistently Mr. Fawcett has made advances and has great reason to take satisfaction in the progress he has made, knowing that all he owns has been honestly earned by his own industry and good judgment, his efforts having been supplemented by the housewifely frugality and careful home management of his estimable wife.

On December 27, 1864, Mr. Fawcett was married to Miss Margaret Rue, a daughter of Archibald and Mary Jane (Herron) Rue. She was born at Webster, Pa., where her father was a shoemaker. To Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett the following children have been born: James, who married Naney Dow, and has five children—Lewis, Walter, Mayme, Charles, Anna Jane; Naney Jane, who married Lewis Gillingham, and has two children, Margaret and Olive; Mary; Martha; Archibald, who was accidentally drowned at the age of twelve years; John, who married Bella Lynn; William, who married Maude Kayle, has three children—Phyllis, Irene and Harold W.; Harry, who married Nora Smith, has two children—Lois Viola and Anna Margaret; Frank; Olive; and Howard, who died at the age of seventeen years. Mr. Fawcett casts his vote with the Democratic party.

LEWIS LEHLEY,\* a highly respected retired citizen of McDonald, Pa., where he has resided for a number of years, is one of the experienced oil operators of this section who was identified with the practical part of oil production at a time when all the oil shooting in Washington County had to be done at night. He was born at Rochester, N. Y., December 12, 1858, and is a son of John and Anna (Kiser) Lehley.

The parents of Mr. Lehley died in the State of New York. They had the following children: John, who is deceased; George; Lewis; Julius; Jacob; William; Mary, who married Edward Reid; Matilda, who married George Shipley; Emma, who married Herman Kloten; Jennie, who married Fred Sager; and Annie, who married Fred Aulbers.

Lewis Lehley attended the schools of Angola, N. Y., in his boyhood, after which he worked on a farm and

later on the railroad. He came to the Bradford oil fields when work there was most profitable, and continued interested in the oil industry as long as he remained an active business man. He has been a leading citizen of McDonald, serving on the board of health and also for several terms in the office of street commissioner. He is a Democrat.

In November, 1881, Mr. Lehley was married to Miss Nettie Pair, a daughter of Thomas and Helen (Newton) Pair, residents of Erie County, N. Y. The Pair family included the following children: Clark, Rozell, Orrin, Leroy, Nettie and Clara, the last named being the wife of August Ziemann. Mr. and Mrs. Lehley have one daughter, Mabel, who resides with her parents. Mr. Lehley and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald. He is identified with the Elks at Carnegie and the Old Fellows at McDonald.

THOMAS MILLER,\* who is a member of an old and respected family of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, resides on a valuable farm of 214 acres, which is situated three and one-half miles south of Hickory. He was born on this farm, April 7, 1859, son of Andrew and Sarah (Stewart) Miller.

Andrew Miller was born also on this farm and died here in 1900. He erected all the buildings now standing on the place and developed the land into a very productive state. He was a valued citizen, being a man of integrity and excellent judgment, and at times he served in local offices. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious connection a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church. On March 11, 1852, he married Sarah Stewart, a daughter of Archibald and Rebecca (Reed) Stewart, and they had the following children: Thomas, James B., A. S., John, Reed, William, Alvin, David and Jennie. Three sons of those above mentioned are deceased—John, William and David—and all three were physicians.

Thomas Miller attended the Mt. Pleasant Township schools with his brothers and sister, and has always resided on the home place, of which he is joint owner with his two brothers, James B. and Alvin, and his one sister, Jennie. A large part of the farm is under cultivation but some forty acres is in valuable timber. The coal has been sold to the Pittsburg Coal Company. He raises cattle and sheep, keeping about 160 head of the latter. In politics, Mr. Miller is a Republican, and at different times he has served acceptably in township offices. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Cross Roads Church. Mr. Miller has never married.

O. G. LEWIS, M. D.,\* who has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Washington, Pa., since 1906, was born in Morris Township, Washington

County, Pennsylvania, in 1877, and is a son of Horner E. and Elizabeth (Jordan) Lewis.

Horner E. Lewis, who has been engaged in the grocery trade at Washington for the past thirteen years, was born also in Morris Township, in 1852, and is a son of William Lewis, who was the founder of the Lewis family in Pennsylvania. He was one of the first school teachers in Morris Township. The father of Dr. Lewis was engaged in farming and stock raising in Morris Township until middle life and then removed to Washington. He married Miss Elizabeth Jordan and they have had five children born to them, as follows: Frank C., who is in the drug business at Washington; Margaret, who is a student at the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati; S. Lorena, who is the wife of I. Newton Sprawls, principal of the Wylie Avenue School, and residing at No. 27 Hull avenue, Washington; Howard Earl, who is connected with the Washington Brick Company; and O. G., who is the second born member of the family.

Dr. O. G. Lewis received his early educational training in the public schools of Morris Township and then spent three years at Waynesburg College. Previous to entering the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1904, Dr. Lewis spent two years teaching school at Morris. After completing his medical course, he located at Amity, Pa., and two years later came to Washington. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Washington Hospital, and is identified with a number of medical organizations, including the Washington County and the Pennsylvania State Medical Societies.

Dr. Lewis was married in 1905, to Miss Olive May Fulton, of Dunn's Station, Washington County, and they have one little daughter, Annie Elizabeth. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of Concord Presbyterian Church of Washington County.

JOHN H. MYERS,\* who owns ninety-eight acres of excellent farm land in Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, situated on the Ridge road, about two and one-half miles east of Finleyville, Pa., is a well known citizen and successful farmer. He was born in Somerset Township, Washington County near Kammerer, January 16, 1859, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Wright) Myers. The grandfather, Jacob Myers, was an early settler in Somerset Township, where he died.

Samuel Myers was born on the old farm there and was a farmer all his days. After he was married he sold his interest in the homestead in Somerset Township and bought the farm on which his widow and his son John H. still reside. He paid the sum of \$8,000 in cash for this land, to its former owner, G. F. Kammerer. Samuel Myers died on this farm in 1909, aged eighty-four years.

He married Catherine Wright, who was born in Somerset Township, April 17, 1829. Her father, Josiah Wright, was a prominent citizen of that township. Three children were born to Samuel and Catherine Myers—Anderson, who died aged fifty-four years; Anna Belle, who died aged fifty-three years; and John Henry, who is the only survivor and was appointed administrator of his father's estate.

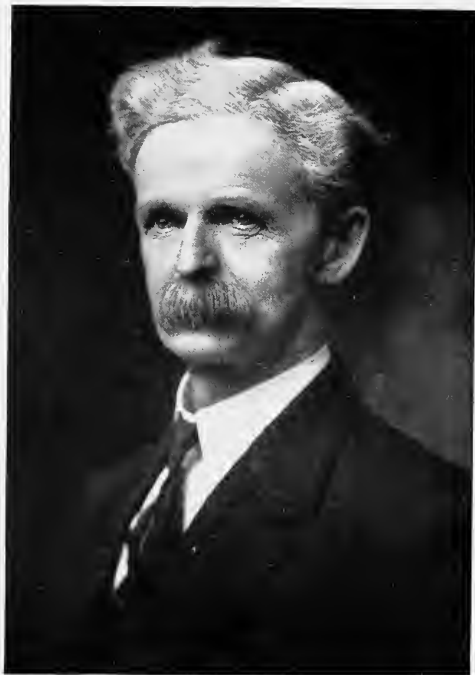
John H. Myers attended school and worked hard at his books until he secured a teacher's certificate. This he never made use of, however, having always devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. On September 13, 1883, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wurley, a daughter of Thomas A. Wurley, of Union Township. Mrs. Myers died August 8, 1903. They had four children: Bessie Viola, born June 14, 1887, died June 21, 1903; Anna Pearl, born June 21, 1889, married W. Gadd, who is manager of a company store at Hackett, Pa.; Olive May, born March 6, 1893, married Samuel Hullenour, who is a farmer; Garnet Catherine, was born January 22, 1897. Mr. Myers takes no very active interest in politics beyond casting his vote in support of candidates who will carry out the laws. He is a Republican.

JOHN M. HARBISON,\* general farmer and sheep raiser in Mt. Pleasant Township, owns 102 acres and a half interest in 160, and also in ninety-five acres of land, all of which is situated in this township. He was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, Pa., March 22, 1850, and is a son of Adam and Nancy (Morrison) Harbison. The father of Mr. Harbison died June 5, 1904, and the mother, in 1903. They were good people, worthy members of the Covenant Church at Miller's Run, and they were buried in the cemetery there.

John M. Harbison obtained his education in the Miller district school in Mt. Pleasant Township, after which he assisted his father, and has devoted his entire life since then to agricultural pursuits. All the substantial buildings now standing, Mr. Harbison built and, although he has never married, with his brother Samuel, who is associated with him in farming, he maintains a comfortable home, his brother also being unmarried. Formerly Mr. Harbison kept as many as 300 sheep over winter but he now has only about 100. The coal on the land was sold by his father and at present there are neither gas nor oil wells producing. The land is mainly given to the growing of grain. Mr. Harbison is a stockholder in the Hickory National Bank, and in 1906 he was one of its board of directors. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Covenant Church at Miller's Run.

SAMUEL S. SIDLE,\* proprietor of the Big Store at Bentleyville, Pa., the leading clothing and dry goods store in the borough, has been identified with the business in-





CAMPBELL L. REED



terests of Bentleyville since August, 1906. He was born March 7, 1883, in Baltimore, Md., and is a son of Abraham and Fannie Sidle, both residents of Baltimore, the former a retired clothing merchant of that city.

Samuel S. Sidle was reared in Baltimore, where he attended the local schools until eighteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg, and engaged as a clerk with A. S. Goldstein & McDonald for two and a half years. After his marriage in January, 1905, with Sarah Baer of Pittsburg he removed to Washington, Pa., where he opened a store, which he operated successfully for some months, when the entire stock, amounting to \$6,000, on which he carried but \$2,000 insurance, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Sidle then was a traveling salesman for the Reline Shirt Company, of Baltimore, until August, 1906, when he came to Bentleyville, and established his present business in the building adjoining the one he now occupies. The erection of his present building—a fine pressed brick structure—was begun December 7, 1905, and completed June 8, 1909, the contractors being the Charleroi Lumber Company. Mr. Sidle carries a full line of clothing, dry goods, notions, shoes, gents' furnishings, etc., and the prompt and courteous treatment accorded his patrons has resulted in the establishment of an extensive trade. Mr. Sidle is a member of the Eagles, and the I. O. O. F.

CAMPBELL L. REED, a representative citizen of Washington County and one of Houston's substantial and progressive men, has been in the lumber and builders' supply business for some nineteen years and is the senior member of the firm of Reed & Short, of Houston, Pa. Mr. Reed was born on his father's farm in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., near the village of Venice, June 29, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Anderson) Reed.

Joseph Reed was born on the same farm as mentioned above, April 30, 1796, and died on the same farm, October 4, 1885, in his ninetieth year. His father, David Reed, was a pioneer in Washington County, and it was at his pioneer home that Gen. Washington was entertained when the latter inspected his estates in this section. David Reed died on the farm which has been held by his descendants ever since and is now the property of Joseph Reed, brother of Campbell L. Reed. The mother of Mr. Reed, Martha Anderson Reed, was born October 2, 1816, and died October 2, 1882. She was the third wife of Joseph Reed, his first marriage having been to a Miss McClain, and his second to a Miss Alexander. Joseph Reed was the father of the following children: Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary Jane Ann, David, Matthew Anderson, John H., Thomas A., Joseph, George M., Julia and Campbell L. Of these: Elizabeth is the widow of David White and resides at Canonsburg. Mar-

garet married Robert Henderson and both are deceased. Mary (deceased) was the wife of John Nesbit. Jane Ann married John B. May and lives at Venice, Pa. David, who died in Iowa, was a physician and surgeon, served in the Civil War and later practiced medicine at Hickory, Pa. Matthew Anderson, who lives in California, formerly resided in Washington and Allegheny Counties and has a son and two daughters living in Pittsburg. John H., who died in Indiana, had just completed his theological education and had been licensed to preach. Thomas A. for the past twenty years has resided at Pasadena, Cal., is now retired. His wife died at Houston, Pa., while on a visit. Joseph owns and lives on the old homestead in Cecil Township. He married Ella Cabbage and they have one son and two daughters. George M., who has had charge of the United Presbyterian Church at Newville, Cumberland County, Pa., for the past twenty-five years, received the degree of D. D. Julia is the widow of A. F. Hemphill, formerly recorder of Washington County, and she resides at Houston. The parents of these children were members of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church in which the father was a ruling elder.

Campbell L. Reed attended the schools of Cecil Township and for a number of years engaged in farming and resided on the line between Washington and Allegheny Counties. About 1890 he moved to Cecil Township and there conducted a lumber yard for the firm of Short & Wade and later purchased the business and continued there until 1900, when he sold out all his interests and then came to Houston, where he embarked in the same business. Four years later he admitted Charles M. Short to partnership under the firm name of Reed & Short. This firm does a very large business in lumber and builders' supplies and stands high in commercial rating.

Mr. Reed was married (first) in 1880, to Annie D. Cowden, who was born November 18, 1858, and died April 8, 1887. She was a daughter of Joseph Cowden, of Cecil Township. Three children were born to this marriage: Ralph Rockwood, who died in infancy; Margaret Alberta, who is the wife of Dr. Albert E. Clark, of East End, Pittsburg; and Martha Maud, who resides with her mother's people. Mr. Reed was married (second) November 29, 1889, to Jennie M. Patterson, a daughter of James Patterson, of Mt. Pleasant Township. They had the following children: Catherine Pauline, a student in Westminister College; Clair Campbell; Glenn Patterson, both at school, and Elva Edith, died at the age of eleven months.

Mr. Reed has been identified with the Republican party ever since he reached manhood and has always been an earnest and law-abiding citizen, but never desirous of office. His fellow citizens, however, elected him

burgess of Houston and he served out his term with a careful attention to the duties of the office. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The family has always been rigid in the observance of its religious duties and it is a matter of family history that this was so well known in the days of the grandfather, that when General Washington had business to consider with David Reed he knew better than to attempt to discuss it on the Sabbath and spent that day in Canonsburg and visited at Mr. Reed's farm on Monday.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON,\* burgess of Bentleyville, and one of the representative business men of the place, being the leading druggist, is a native of England, born in the British Isles, April 9, 1866, and is a son of William and Mary A. (Pearson) Johnson.

In 1870, the parents of Mr. Johnson came to America with their children and settled first at Monongahela City, Pa.; from there they moved in 1883, to Venetia, where the father entered into the grocery business in which he continued until his death, July 5, 1894. His widow still survives.

William M. Johnson attended school until old enough to be of assistance to his father in the store. He studied pharmacy and in 1880 entered into the drug business at Venetia, conducting a store there until he established his present one at Bentleyville, August 26, 1906. It required but three years for the citizens of Bentleyville to decide the quality of Mr. Johnson as a citizen, and in 1909 they elected him to their highest office.

Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Jennie E. Crouch, a daughter of Nathan W. Crouch, whose family farmed near Bentleyville. They have two children: Oscar W. and Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is one of the stewards. Fraternally he is identified with Monongahela Lodge, No. 337, F. and A. M.; and Peters Creek Lodge, No. 248, Odd Fellows.

JONATHAN EALY,\* a respected and well known citizen and successful farmer of East Finley Township, where he has spent an industrious life, was born July 3, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Barney) Ealy.

Henry Ealy was born also in East Finley Township, in 1807, and was a son of George Ealy. Henry Ealy remained on his father's farm until aged twenty-one years and then started out for himself, with a cash capital of twenty-five cents. If he had little money, it is evident that he possessed industry, energy and the proper ideas of thrift, as he accumulated in the course of his average span of years, 1,200 acres of rich farming land. He married Hannah Barney, who was born in Greene County, Pa. She died in 1873 but he survived her until 1882.

They had the following children: Jeremiah, residing in East Finley Township; George, deceased; Philip, residing in Greene County; Jonathan; and Delilah, deceased.

Since the end of his school days, Jonathan Ealy has been engaged continuously in farming and has prospered in this industry. Soon after his marriage he settled on what was known as the old home farm situated two miles from East Finley, on which he resided for fifteen years and then moved to his present place on Gordon's Fork of Wheeling Creek, one mile below the old home place.

On September 12, 1869, Mr. Ealy was married to Miss Nancy Jane Sampson, of East Finley Township, a daughter of David Sampson. Mrs. Ealy died in 1890. Of their seven children, five died young, the two survivors being: Liebens W., who was born in 1871, and Fannie E., who was born in 1874. The latter has charge of the household, making home comfortable for her father since her mother's death. Mr. Ealy attends the United Brethren Church at Fairmount. He is a Democrat in politics and is not ambitious to hold office, but has served as election judge.

JACOB M. STEWART, a representative and substantial citizen of Washington County, Pa., formerly an extensive farmer and stock raiser in Chartiers Township, has been a resident of Hickory, Pa., for some sixteen years. He was born in Chartiers Township, September 28, 1835, and is a son of James R. and Elizabeth (Miller) Stewart, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Washington County.

James R. Stewart was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, in 1812. His parents were Archibald and Rebecca (Reed) Stewart, the former of whom was born in Ireland and came to America in early manhood. Archibald Stewart married Rebecca Reed in Pennsylvania and they settled in Chartiers Township where he followed farming and blacksmithing. They had the following children: James R.; Mary, who married Samuel Griffith, of Mt. Pleasant Township; Jane, who died in 1883 (was the wife of William S. White, of Canonsburg); Joseph, who married in Illinois, and is deceased; William, who died in Iowa; Margaret, who died in 1872 (was the wife of David Miller); Sarah, who married Andrew Miller, of Mt. Pleasant Township; John, who resided in Donegal Township and died in 1886; and Archibald, deceased.

James R. Stewart had few educational advantages. He remained on the home farm and learned the blacksmith's trade with his father and carried on business as the latter had done. On May 23, 1839, he married Elizabeth Miller, a daughter of Jacob and Jane (Filston) Miller. The Millers came from eastern Pennsylvania to Washington County soon after marriage and settled near McConnell's mills, in Chartiers Township. Some years later

they moved to the Col. Robert Miller farm and spent the remainder of their lives there.

The children born to Jacob and Jane Miller were as follows: Rachel, who married Thomas Sproat, of South Stralane Township; Mary, whose second marriage was to Samuel McNary; Nancy, who married John Boon; Jane, who married Richard Sproat, and lived in Ohio; Samuel, who carried on a wagon making business at Hickory, Pa.; Catherine, who married James McDowell, of Mt. Pleasant Township; Jacob, who married and moved to Ohio; Margaret, who married John McDowell, of Mt. Pleasant Township; Sophia; Robert W., who died in 1891; Elizabeth, who married James R. Stewart; and Sarah, who never married.

James R. and Elizabeth Stewart had two children: Rebecca and Jacob M. The former married William H. Thompson, who was born at Canonsburg, May 17, 1837, the eldest son of Joseph and Emily (Gabby) Thompson. Mr. Thompson died in 1871. They had five children: James Stewart Thompson, Joseph Stewart, Elizabeth Emma, Millie R. and one that died in infancy. James R. Stewart died May 22, 1880, survived by his widow and both children. He was a Republican in his political views and had been a life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Jacob M. Stewart attended school in District No. 3 and afterward assisted his father on the farm and continued an agricultural life until 1894, when he retired to Hickory and has been usefully identified with borough affairs ever since. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. Mr. Stewart owns 243 acres of land, 133 of which he received from his father's estate.

On May 28, 1861, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Rebecca J. Todd, a daughter of Rev. John Todd, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Stewart died March 9, 1879, survived by five children, namely: Blanche L., who married J. R. Jamison, and is a resident of Kansas City; Frank T.; Grace, who is the wife of William Ross and resides on the old Henderson home place near Cross Roads Church, in Chartiers Township; Edith, who is the wife of Harry Quivey, of Nottingham Township; and Myrtle, who is the wife of Ralph Bedillion, of South Strabane Township.

Frank T. Stewart was born September 29, 1870, and was educated in the public schools. After leaving school he engaged in farming and stock raising together with dairying and resides on his father's farm. The residence there was built in 1857 but the barn was put up and other improvements made in 1893. Mr. Stewart breeds registered Guernsey cattle and owns one cow that has a butter record of eighteen pounds a week. Mr. Stewart makes a success of all of his undertakings and during 1909 he put up 100 acres of hay and grain. Like his father and

as was his grandfather, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church. He was married in November, 1899, to Miss Mary Marquis, a daughter of John Marquis, of Burgettstown, Pa. They have five children: Carl, Etta, Mabel, Wilda and Glenn Ross.

Jacob M. Stewart married for his second wife, Lizzie J. Grounds, daughter of John and Jemima (Buchanan) Grounds, natives and old and substantial people of Washington County. The father of Mrs. Stewart was one of the most venerable residents at the time of his death, being then ninety years of age.

JOHN NOLDER,\* oil producer, with an interest in over 100 wells located in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, is a member of the S. M. Adams Post, No. 330, Grand Army of the Republic, at McDonald, Pa., being a veteran of the Civil War, and at present quartermaster of his post. He was born in Armstrong County, Pa., February 12, 1843, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Nelson) Nolder.

The father of Mr. Nolder never saw his son, dying shortly before the babe was born. Later, Mrs. Nolder married Isaac Gray and to this second marriage seven children were born: William, James, Samuel, Martha, Mary, Lucetta and Priscilla.

John Nolder's educational opportunities were confined to attendance at the district school. He worked for one year as a farmer and for three years in a grist mill. He then found employment in the salt works, and later in the coal mines and after that tried a season on a canal boat, at all times keeping busy but not being able to save much money. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. G, 11th Pa., Vol. Inf., and subsequently vetezanized and remained in the service until he was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh, Pa., May 22, 1865. His military record reflects credit on him and has made him eligible to almost all the official positions in the Grand Army Post, to which he has belonged for a number of years. Following his army service he was engaged in different kinds of work until 1871, when he entered the oil business and has met with much success in this line.

Mr. Nolder was married in April, 1867, to Barbara Eaeher, who was born in Germany and died at McDonald, September 3, 1905. She was the mother of the following children: Mary, who married R. D. White; Emma, who married Robert Johnston; Carrie, who married Parks Schrengost; and William P. Mr. Nolder married secondly Juliet Pierce, who died June 9, 1908. Mr. Nolder and family attend the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

J. C. LUYTEN,\* postmaster at Westland, Pa., and manager of the Federal Supply store at this point, was

born in Belgium, January 12, 1882. His father, Amiel Luyten, died in 1898, and was interred in the Catholic Cemetery at McDondald. The mother resides at Cecil, Pa., and all five of the children live in the United States.

J. C. Luyten was ten years old when he accompanied his parents to America and was only sixteen when his father died. He is to a large degree a self-made man, having had but few of the early advantages that he hopes to secure for his own children. He attended the district school at Moon Run and later took a course with the Scranton Correspondence School and has been engaged in business continuously ever since. After his marriage he became manager of a store at Bethel, where he was also postmaster. He came from there August 14, 1907, to Westland and took charge of the Federal Supply Company store, being appointed postmaster here. In politics he is a Republican and is now serving in his first term as a school director. Fraternally he is an Elk and belongs to the lodge of Moose at Carnegie.

Mr. Luyten was married December 26, 1903, to Miss Rachel Briss, and they have two daughters, Blanche and Helen. Mr. Luyten and wife are Catholics and attend the churches at McDondald and Cecil. Although Mr. Luyten has an affection for his native land, the larger part of his life has been spent in America and he has absorbed American ideas and identified himself with American interests. He is an able business man and a representative citizen.

JOHN Y. McCLAIN, who is engaged in general contracting, has been a resident of Washington, Pennsylvania for the past 23 years, and was born in Dunningville, Washington County, Pa., in 1859. He is a son of William and Hannah (Yant) McClain, the former a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country when a boy with his parents, who located for a time at Philadelphia. He was a shoemaker by trade, and when about fifteen years of age came to Washington County, where for many years he worked at his trade, but spent his later years on a farm, where he died in 1907, aged eighty-five years. In politics he was an old line Whig and later a Republican. He married Hannah Yant, who died when our subject was a baby, and was a daughter of Abraham Yant, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County.

John Y. McClain was reared in Nottingham Township and educated in the schools there, early in life learning the carpenter trade, at which he has worked continuously since that time, carrying on general contracting for the past five years.

In 1886, Mr. McClain married Flora M. Barr, who died August 30, 1909, and was buried in Washington Cemetery, September 1, 1909. She was reared in Somerset Township, and was a daughter of Robert and Mar-

garet Barr, old settlers of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. McClain had three children: Olive M., Ellen M. and Boyd L. The family are members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington. Mr. McClain has always taken an active interest in politics and has held various offices in the borough. He is a member of the Carpenters' Union and in 1902 was a delegate to the National Convention held at Atlanta, Ga., and is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F. lodge and Encampment, and the Heptasophs, in all of which he has held office.

JAMES ALVIN RABE,\* who is proprietor of an undertaking and furniture establishment at Donora, Pa., was born March 25, 1874, on a farm near Donora, a son of Hiram and Catherine (Frederick) Rabe.

Hiram Rabe was born in Washington County, Pa., where he spent his entire active career engaged in agriculture. His marriage with Catherine Frederick, resulted in the birth of the following children: Elma, who married Stephen Tucker, both being now deceased; Anna, who is the wife of William Blackenbuhler; William; David; James; Alvin, our subject; and Virginia, who died in infancy. Mrs. Rabe died about 1876, and he formed a second union with Melinda Tegarden, after which he removed to Monongahela City, where he died in 1899. His second wife died about 1895.

James Alvin Rabe attended the school in Carroll Township, and assisted in the work on the parental farm. In 1902 he came to Donora, where he entered the employ of Earnest Sturgess, an undertaker and furniture dealer, with whom he remained two years. On May 1, 1905, after receiving a diploma from the Pennsylvania School of Embalming, he purchased his present establishment from Mr. Sturgess. Mr. Rabe is a man of public spirit and enterprise and is recognized as one of the leading business men of Donora. His residence and place of business are both located on the corner of Sixth and Thompson streets. He belongs fraternally to the Odd Fellows, the Jr. O. U. A. M.; and the Loyal Order of Moose. In 1903 he was united in marriage with Dora Coulter, who is a daughter of Robert Coulter.

LESLIE CAMPBELL,\* senior member of the Leslie Campbell Clothing Company of Charleoi, Pa., has been engaged in the clothing business at his present location at various times since 1901, the business having previously been carried on under the firm name of Campbell & Atkins. He was born December 26, 1860, at West Columbia, now known as Donora, Pa., and is a son of Robert and Sarah J. (Baldwin) Campbell, well known farmers of Carroll Township, the former of whom was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and the latter of Washington County.

Leslie Campbell was reared and received a common school education at West Columbia, and when a young man worked as a fireman on the Pennsylvania R. R. until injured in a wreck, which incapacitated him from work for a period of eight months. Upon recovering from his injuries, he clerked in William McGregor's store at Monongahela City for ten years, then went to Pittsburgh for a short time, after which he returned to West Columbia, where he opened a clothing store and served as postmaster, the office being known as Westcoe. In 1897 he came to Charleroi and clerked for the Sandefeld Clothing Company for several years. He then established his present business, the firm having been previously known as Campbell & Atkins, but now as the Leslie Campbell Clothing Company; it commands an extensive and lucrative patronage throughout this locality.

Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Martha J. Brawdy, a daughter of Aaron Brawdy, and they have one daughter, Sarah Dorothy Campbell. Mr. Campbell is fraternally connected with the Elks.

SAMUEL D. JONES,\* a highly esteemed resident of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, where he is engaged in cultivating a fine farm of 112 acres, was born at Midway, Pa., April 11, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Aiken) Jones, who were farming people of Washington County. Samuel Jones and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and both are now deceased, being buried at Midway. They had two children, Samuel D. and Frank W., the latter of whom is deceased.

Samuel D. Jones attended the common schools of the vicinity of Midway, and at the age of seventeen years, when his father died, he was compelled to leave school to take charge of the home farm, which he continued to operate until 1893, at which time he located in McDonald and engaged in the hardware business. He continued in that line until June 16, 1909, when he resumed farming and has been carrying on agricultural operations to the present time. In addition to his excellent farming property, he owns considerable real estate in McDonald, where he was prominent in Democratic politics, serving three terms in the town Council. He and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

In 1889 Mr. Jones married Miss Belle Smith, a daughter of William Smith. She died in 1893, leaving three children, Howard, Lula and Frank. In 1897 Mr. Jones married Ella Adams, daughter of Thomas and Susan Adams, and they have had one daughter, Ethel.

R. C. MOUNTSER,\* an extensive dealer in grain, hay, feed and builders' supplies, whose warehouses are located at No. 300-318 McKean avenue, Charleroi, was

born July 2, 1879, in Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Augustine and Althea (Demain) Mountser.

Augustine Mountser was born in England and when a lad of ten years came to this country with an uncle, who located on a farm in Westmoreland County, Pa., and by whom he was reared to maturity. He was married to Althea Demain, who was born and reared in Belle Vernon, Fayette County, after which he located at Gibson-ton for a time. He subsequently moved to Lock 4, now North Charleroi, where he conducted a brick yard for three years. In 1892 he came to Charleroi and established the feed and grain business which is now under the management of his son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Mountser are still residents of Charleroi.

R. C. Mountser was about ten years of age when his parents removed to Lock 4, Washington County, from Belle Vernon, and three years later came to Charleroi, where he was reared and has since continued to reside. Mr. Mountser first engaged in the grain and feed business in 1892 with his father, after the retirement of whom, he formed a partnership with H. L. Piersol, with whom he was associated until 1904, since which time he has been sole owner of the business. Mr. Mountser employs six men in his warehouses, and in connection with grain, feed and builders' supplies, carries on, in partnership with W. E. Porter, a wholesale flour department, jobbing the Golden Crescent and Seal brands, manufactured in Minnesota.

Mr. Mountser was united in marriage with Elizabeth Miller, a daughter of Peter Miller, and they have one daughter, Virginia Mountser. Mr. Mountser is affiliated with the Masonic order of Charleroi.

ROBERT COWDEN, SR.,\* a retired farmer, owning 400 acres of fine land situated partly in Mt. Pleasant and partly in Chartiers townships, resides about three miles southeast of Canonsburg, Pa. He is a member of one of the old pioneer families of Washington County and was born on his present farm, November 10, 1835. His father was John and his grandfather was also a John Cowden.

Grandfather John Cowden, who was born near Carlisle, Pa., married a Miss Sloan. He died after coming to Washington County with his wife, their trip over the Alleghany Mountains being made by following a blazed trail.

John Cowden, father of Robert, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. He married Mary Kelso, a daughter of Mark Kelso, and they had eight children, namely: Elizabeth, who died in 1842; Joseph, who died in 1908; Mark; Margaret Ann, who is deceased; Jane and John, both of whom are deceased; Robert; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Welch. John

Cowden died in 1855, at that time owning 260 acres of land; his wife survived but a few years. They were well known people in their neighborhood and were among the faithful members of the Seceder Church. Their burial was in the cemetery at Hickory. In politics John Cowden was a Whig.

Robert Cowden attended the district schools in Mt. Pleasant Township when his services could be spared from the home farm, which estate he later inherited. He acquired other property and now pays taxes on 400 acres. He is a stockholder in the Houstonville National Bank. While always a good citizen and interested in all that concerns the development and good name of his township, Mr. Cowden has never been willing to accept any office except that of school director. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Cowden was first married to Miss Margaret Allison, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Allison, and five children were born to this union, namely: John D., who is now deceased; Elizabeth, who married Robert Smith, and lives at Washington, Pa.; Margaret, who resides at home; Robert, who married Viola Hickman, and resides in Harrison County, Ohio; and Joseph. Mr. Cowden married secondly Miss Margaret McDonald, a daughter of John and Margaret McDonald, of Beaver County, and they have one son, Donald M. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

D. F. CONNER, owner and proprietor of a large grocery business at McDonald, Pa., is one of the borough's enterprising citizens and has been identified with business interests here since 1901. He was born at Corry, Pa., December 24, 1874, and is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Madigan) Conner. The parents of Mr. Conner were of Irish descent. They both died at Corry, Pa., where the father was engaged in a contracting business. The family contained four children: Jerry, D. F., John and Catherine Mary.

D. F. Conner attended the public schools of Corry until he was sixteen years of age, after which he learned the butchering business and followed it for eleven years, owning his own shop. After selling out at Corry, in 1901, he came to McDonald, where he conducted a grocery store for three years and then bought the Bastian Hotel, changing the name to the Commercial Hotel and admitting Ben Frankle as a partner. They continued together for six years. In the spring of 1909, Mr. Conner sold his hotel interest to his partner and resumed merchandising. He has recently completed a substantial two-story brick block, the two lower commodious rooms being for store purposes and the second floor utilized as an opera house. This structure is a credit to the borough, adding greatly to the business appearance of the busiest section of the place.

On October 11, 1907, Mr. Conner was married to Mrs. Mary McNeerney, whose maiden name was Mary McDonald. She has two brothers and two sisters, namely: John; Wyne, who is the wife of Patrick Lyden; Frank; and Bee, who is the wife of Joseph Maloney. By her first marriage with James McNeerney, she had two children, Freda and James McNeerney. Mr. and Mrs. Conner are members of the Catholic Church at McDonald. He is a Republican.

KERFOOT W. DALY,\* cashier of the Bank of Charleroi, with which he has been identified since January 24, 1898, is one of the rising men of the younger generation, who will doubtless attain considerable prominence in the banking business of Pennsylvania. He was born April 24, 1874, at Gibsonton, Westmoreland County, Pa., and is the youngest son of Thomas L. and Carrie W. (Wilson) Daly.

Kerfoot W. Daly was reared at Gibsonton, and after a preliminary education received from a governess, pursued a course of studies at Trinity Hall, Washington, Pa. He has been a resident of Charleroi since 1898, when he accepted a position as assistant cashier of the Bank of Charleroi, which was opened for business January 24, 1898. Since 1900 he has been cashier of the bank, of which his father, Thomas L. Daly, is president; and John C. McKean, vice president.

Mr. Daly was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Thompson, a daughter of John Thompson, of Finleyville, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mary Violet. Mr. Daly is a director in the Monongahela Trust Company of Monongahela City, and is treasurer of the West Side Street Railway Company at Charleroi. He is treasurer of the Charleroi Lodge No. 615, F. & A. M., past exalted ruler of Charleroi Lodge No. 497, B. P. O. E., and is a member and vestryman of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM S. THOMPSON,\* for many years a highly respected citizen and successful farmer of Mt. Pleasant Township, was born in this township February 22, 1851, a member of a family that was established here in 1812 by his grandfather, Allen Thompson. His parents were Allen and Mary Jane (Griffith) Thompson.

William S. Thompson was educated in the McNary district school in Chartiers Township, and afterward devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage, in 1878, he lived in Chartiers Township until 1880, when he bought eighty-two acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Township, which he greatly improved with new buildings. His father died in 1853 in Cecil Township, leaving three children: Nancy M., wife of James Kerr, of Chartiers Township; William S.; and Martha Elizabeth, wife of Hamilton Crawford, of North Strabane Town-





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ship. The mother then returned to Chartiers Township, where she had been born in June, 1827, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Boone) Griffith, and there she subsequently married William Hays, and died in April, 1881. The parents were members of the Miller's Run Presbyterian Church.

In 1878 William S. Thompson married Miss Mattie Henry, a native of Cecil Township, Washington County, and a daughter of Samuel and Martha (McConnell) Henry. Mrs. Thompson died in 1883, survived by two children, Lizzie M. and Mattie Henry. In 1885, Mr. Thompson was again married to Miss Belle Barnett, a daughter of Ephraim Barnett, the latter of whom died in Chartiers Township in 1876. Two sons were born to this union, Boyd B. and George Allen, the former of whom took charge of the farm following the death of his father, which occurred December 29, 1898. He was an elder in the Miller's Run Presbyterian Church. His life was one of uprightness and he was valued by all who knew him for his sterling qualities. He was identified with the Republican party, but never sought public office.

THOMAS F. PICKETT, superintendent of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, one of Washington's important business concerns, with which he has been identified for twenty-two years, was born at Washington, Pa., in July, 1861, and is a son of John and Lenora (O'Leary) Pickett.

John Pickett was born in County Clare, Ireland, and in 1852 he emigrated and came to Washington, Pa. He secured work by the day with what is now the B. & O. Railroad and soon proved his value to his employers. Through his kindness of heart, however, he lost his position, the facts being that when the first engine used on the construction work here was left in his charge when it was run on a side track, he was ordered to harbor no tramps within its warm interior. This was during the panic of 1877, when many people were forced out of employment and many also were but poorly provided to withstand the rigors of the winter. When these people, on their way to other sections, came upon Mr. Pickett's engine, they had little difficulty in persuading him to give a night's shelter. This was creditable to him as a man, but was clearly against orders and when the company found it out, he was discharged. Nevertheless he prospered, later was elected and served for some years as street commissioner, and after retiring from that office, engaged in contracting. At Washington he met and married Miss Lenora O'Leary, who was also a native of County Clare, Ireland. She died April 12, 1897, and his death occurred July 5, 1904, and both were interred in the Catholic Cemetery at Washington. They had a large and vigorous family, all of whom sur-

vive, namely: Thomas F.; William, who is a contractor at Washington; Peter and John, both of whom are in the employ of the United States Express Company, the former as a driver and the latter as agent; Michael, who is with the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company; Mary, who is cashier for the United States Express Company at Washington; Julia, who is a teacher in the Third Ward school at Washington; Kate and Margaret, both of whom are at home; Anna, who is a clerk in the Real Estate and Trust Company; and Nellie, who is a teacher in the Washington High School. John Pickett was a staunch Democrat. He was a first cousin of the famous Daniel O'Connell.

Thomas F. Pickett was reared and educated at Washington. His first work was done with the Hayes and Wilson Carriage Company at Washington, after which he was with the firm of Zahniser Bros., at Washington, where he learned the blacksmith trade and in 1887 entered the employ of the Hazel Atlas Glass Company in that capacity. His promotion has been gradual, and step by step he has been advanced until he is now the superintendent of the No. 1 Factory, a very responsible position, but one for which Mr. Pickett's long experience has thoroughly qualified him. In addition he is interested in other prospering enterprises. He has always been more or less active in the public life of the city, many times proving his civic usefulness, and has served as a member of the city Council.

On April 25, 1900, Mr. Pickett was married to Miss Johanna Braden, a member of one of the old families of Washington County, and they have two sons: Thomas F., Jr., and Robert Braden. Mr. Pickett was reared in the Catholic faith. He is a member of the order of Elks and belongs also to the Improved Order of Heptasoph.

CHARLES N. YOHE,\* senior member of the well known firm of Charles N. Yohe & Sons, builders and contractors, of Monongahela City, has been a lifelong resident of this city, where he was born April 15, 1858, son of Michael and Phoebe (McConnel) Yohe. He was reared in Monongahela City, where he attended the common schools, and early in life learned the carpenter's trade with William Coulter, a contractor of this locality, who built the old wooden bridge here. After remaining in Mr. Coulter's employ for several years, he became superintendent of the Yohe Brothers Lumber Company of Monongahela City, which position he held for fifteen years. Then he was for five years superintendent of the River Combine.

In 1902 he formed a partnership with his two sons, Frank and Coulter, and established a general contracting and building business, Frank, having entire charge of the office and architectural work, and our subject and

Coulter having charge of the construction work. The firm also deals extensively in real estate, building houses to sell.

Mr. Yohe was married about 1875 to Ella M. Robinson, a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Stewart) Robinson, now deceased, both of whom were residents of Allegheny City, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Yohe became the parents of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those reared to maturity are as follows: Frank, who served in the Spanish-American War with Co. A, 10th Pa. Reg., married Mary Gettings and has three children—Charles, Donald and Paul. Jennie married Howard Stonewook, of Youngstown, Ohio, and has one child, Helen. Charles died aged twenty years. Coulter married Pearl Carlson and has one son, Carlson G. Gerald married Nora Cramer, has one daughter, Emma. The others are George, Gertrude and Della. Mr. Yohe is a member and trustee of the Lutheran Church and is fraternally affiliated with the Knights of Malta.

AARON VAN NESS,\* who has been identified with the oil industry of Pennsylvania for many years, is lease foreman of the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company of Washington, having charge of the Washington, Bellevue and Canonsburg districts. He was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1833, and when eight years of age came with his parents to Mercer County, Pa., where he was reared and educated, after which he began working in the oil fields of Clarion County, Pa. Since that time, with the exception of eight years spent in the mercantile business at Stoneboro, Pa., he has been prominently identified with the development of oil in Pennsylvania. About the year 1889 he came to Washington, became associated with the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, and for the past nine years has been lease foreman in charge of the Washington, Bellevue and Canonsburg districts.

Mr. Van Ness was united in marriage with Olive Gibson, of Armstrong County, Pa., and of their union have been born the following children: R. Esther, Fred, Tillie and Merle, all living at home. Mr. Van Ness is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is treasurer and a member of the Board of Stewards. In politics he is an adherent of the Prohibitionist party.

E. W. HASTINGS,\* assistant secretary and treasurer of the Charleroi Savings and Trust Company, with which he has been identified since its organization July 1, 1901, was born January 17, 1870, in Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa., and is a son of Barton Thomas and Mary A. (McCrea) Hastings. The father of our subject was a prominent business man of Brookville, where his death occurred January 17, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight

years, during the first year of his retirement from business activities. His wife died August 22, 1899, after fifty-four years of wedded life, and they reared a family of ten children, all of whom are still living.

E. W. Hastings was the youngest of the children born to his parents, and was reared in Brookville, where he attended the common schools, and graduated from the high school with the Class of 1888. On May 1, 1899, he entered the service of the Allegheny Railroad at Oil City, Pa., as clerk of the Maintenance of Way Department; after a period of three months, the works were removed to Verona, Pa., where he continued in the same capacity for some time, and was finally promoted to the office of chief clerk of the same department, a position he resigned July 1, 1901, to accept his present one as assistant secretary and treasurer of the Charleroi Savings and Trust Company.

Mr. Hastings is affiliated with the Elks of Charleroi and the Knights of Pythias of Verona. His religious connection is with the First Presbyterian Church of Charleroi.

BOYD B. THOMPSON,\* one of Mt. Pleasant Township's enterprising and successful young farmers, carries on a mixed line of agriculture on the homestead estate, consisting of eighty-two acres of valuable land, situated three miles southeast of Hickory. He was born on this farm October 21, 1887 and is a son of William S. and Arbella (Barnett) Thompson.

The father of Mr. Thompson died December 29, 1898. He was a highly respected resident of this section for many years and of Washington County, his entire life. On January 8, 1885, he married Arbella Barnett, who is a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Willard) Barnett. Two sons were born to them, Boyd B. and George Allen.

After completing the high school course in Mt. Pleasant Township, Boyd B. Thompson assumed the management of the farm, having been very helpful to his mother ever since the death of his father. The substantial barn on the place the father had completed before he was taken sick, but the repairing of the house and other improving was done by Mr. Thompson and his mother. The coal has all been sold to the Pittsburg Coal Company and tests have also been made for oil and gas. Mr. Thompson is thorough in his methods and believes in constant improvement. He keeps about thirty sheep over the winter. In politics he is a Republican. With his mother he attends the Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

MINOR H. DAY, M. D.,\* who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Donora, Pa., since December, 1902, was born on his father's farm in Morris Township,

this county, February 28, 1876. He is a son of LeRoy W. and Miranda B. Day and a grandson of Ford Day, who was a native of Washington County, Pa.

LeRoy W. Day, who was born in Washington County, spent his entire active career engaged in agriculture on a farm in Morris Township, and is now living in retirement in the borough of Washington. His wife, Miranda B. Day, who died October 19, 1907, came of one of the old and highly esteemed families of this county. The following children were born to them: Charles, Ellsworth, Edward S., Lemuel C., Howard, Hilliard D., Minor Harold (our subject), and one that died in infancy.

Minor H. Day spent his early boyhood days on his father's farm in Morris Township, attending the district schools until sixteen years of age. He then came with his parents to Washington, where he took a preparatory course at the Washington-Jefferson College, after which he spent two years at the University of Nebraska. He then farmed and taught school for two years. In 1898 he entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, from which he graduated with the Class of 1902. After spending one year in the hospital at McKeesport, Pa., in December, 1902, he located in his present offices in the First National Bank building at Donora, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine. Dr. Day is a member of the Washington County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and of the B. P. O. E. at Monessen, Pa.

On June 3, 1903, Dr. Day was united in marriage with Laura Gene Meehling, a daughter of Albert Meehling, of West Sunbury, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Day reside in a commodious home on Thompson avenue.

AARON THEODORE LINN,\* senior member of the firm of A. T. Linn & Sons, who operate on an extensive scale, a floral establishment and green houses at Allenwood, a suburb of Charleroi, resides on a tract of six acres, and also owns a farm of 150 acres in Peters Township, Washington County, Pa. He was born October 12, 1850, on a farm in Peters Township, a son of Lewis and Margaret Jane (Sheets) Linn.

Lewis Linn was born on a farm in Union Township, Washington County, where his father, Aaron Linn, a native of New Jersey, settled when a young man. The latter died at the age of seventy-five years on his farm near Mingo Church. Lewis Linn always followed farming throughout his active career, and after his marriage moved to a farm in Peters Township, where he resided until late in life, when he located at Finleyville, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years. He is survived by his widow, who lives with her son, the subject of this sketch, and is now in her eighty-third year. She was

in maiden life Margaret Jane Sheets, a native of Washington County, and a daughter of James Sheets.

Aaron T. Linn was practically reared on the farm in Peters Township, although nine years of his boyhood were spent on the present site of the Fair Grounds at Canonsburg, Pa. After his marriage he rented and located on a farm in Union Township, where he followed farming three years, then bought and located on his farm of 150 acres in Peters Township, which is now being farmed by his son, L. C. Linn. He spent one year with the Washington Floral Company at Washington, Pa., and in June, 1906, went to Finleyville, where he built the green houses of the Finleyville Floral Company, of which he was the organizer, and of which he is still secretary and treasurer. December 15, 1908, he came to Allenwood and purchased from T. E. Allen his present tract of six acres and built his green houses, which are all heated by steam, and contain 21,000 square feet of glass. Here in partnership with his two sons, Robert E. and John F., he carries on a wholesale and retail business, and caters to funeral work extensively, carrying over \$1,000 worth of stock for set floral pieces. Mr. Linn is a Democrat in politics and was the Democratic candidate for sheriff at the time Parker ran for President, and although defeated, polled more votes in Washington County than Parker did. He served six years as a member of the Peters Township school board, and was for three years president of that body, and three years secretary. He is fraternally a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and is Overseer of the Pomona Lodge of Washington County.

Mr. Linn was united in marriage with Louisa Sophia Mollenhauer, a daughter of Ernest Mollenhauer, and they reared a family of eleven children: Minnie Jane (Mrs. Sickmann); Henrietta Belle (Mrs. Fawcett); Maggie May (Mrs. Phamman); Mary Louise, and Lewis Ernest, twins; Henry Cleveland; Nannie, who teaches in the schools of Somerset Township; Robert M.; Pearl C.; John Frederick; and Helen Linn.

HON. JOHN F. BUDKE,\* a leading manufacturer of Canonsburg and ex-State Senator of Washington County, Pa., was born in Ohio County, W. Va., November 22, 1852, and is a son of William A. and Sophia Budke. The family is of German extraction.

The history of a successful man is always more or less interesting and it is particularly so, when, as in the case of Mr. Budke, success has come through his own efforts. He had but few early advantages. Leaving school when fourteen years of age, with but a rudimentary education, he was put to manufacturing powder kegs, and as he acquired a little capital, he continued in this line up to 1885, by which time he had become the manager of the Budke Stamping Company. This com-

pany sold out to the Canonsburg Iron and Steel Company, of which he then became general manager. In 1900 this latter company sold its interests to the American Tin Plate Company, and in 1902, with his associates, Mr. Budke organized the Parkersburg Iron and Steel Company, building a plant at Parkersburg, W. Va. He was vice president and general manager of this company for one year. In 1904 he organized the Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company, with works at Canonsburg and has been president of this organization ever since and is vice president and a director of the Parkersburg Steel and Iron Company, besides having other interests. He was a pioneer in the Washington County gas fields. The Canonsburg Steel and Iron Company put down the first gas well in August, 1905, on the mill property; the second well was drilled on the farm of W. S. White, one-quarter mile north of the mill and it had a very heavy pressure. Mr. Budke is manager of the Canonsburg Light and Fuel Company, which supplies Canonsburg and Morgantown with gas. The other officers of this company are: Charles Myer, president; H. S. Duncan, vice president; and Lewis Myer, of Pittsburg, treasurer.

For a quarter of a century Mr. Budke has been active in both county and State politics. He is a staunch Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Hon. James A. Garfield. From 1900 to 1903 he was a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, representing the district made up of Washington, Lawrence and Beaver Counties, proving a well qualified statesman and making a record at Harrisburg that reflects honor on both himself and his constituents.

Senator Budke is one of Washington County's foremost citizens. His business life has been mainly given to the manufacture of sheet iron. He has been a resident of Canonsburg for some twenty-six years and in 1896 he erected his handsome residence, one of the most attractive in the city. He was reared in the Lutheran faith. He is identified with numerous organizations as every public man must be, but is particularly active in Masonry, belonging to Charters Lodge, F. & A. M., at Canonsburg and Charters Commandery and Washington Chapter.

In 1879 Senator Budke was married to Miss Mary H. Harrison, a daughter of Joseph Harrison, of Pittsburg, and they have had six children, namely: Frank W., who has charge of the Budke Stamping Works; Bernice B., who is the wife of Dr. John R. McCurdy, of Pittsburg, and has one son, John R.; Shirley, who is at school in Pittsburg; John F., Jr., a student at Canonsburg; and two who died in infancy.

GEORGE R. AITKEN, superintendent of factories Nos. 2 and 3, of the Highland Glass Company's plant, at

Washington, Pa., was born in England, January 17, 1857, and is not only a practical and experienced glass worker but is also an expert, and thus very thoroughly qualified for the important position he fills.

Mr. Aitken was fourteen years and a half old when he came to America and in a surprisingly short period of time was at work as a water boy in a glass factory at La Salle, Ill. He continued there until 1876, when he went to Ottawa, still connected with the glass business and worked in the glass factory there until 1882. In 1883 he accepted a position with the Land and Improvement Company of Wyoming, but in the following year returned to Ottawa and became superintendent of the United Glass Company, at Streeter, where he remained until he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Plate Glass Company at Irwin, Pa. Three years later he went to Latrobe, Pa., where he was identified with the Davis Glass Company for two and a half years and then became expert for H. L. Dixon, for three years, after which he was engaged as developer of pressed prism plate glass at Morgantown, W. Va., under the Wadsworth patents, and remained there for two years. From that company he came to Washington as manager of the Highland factories.

On June 28, 1880, Mr. Aitken was married to Miss Margaret Farrell, of Ottawa, Ill., a member of an important pioneer family of that section. They have four children, namely: Mabel Ann, who is the wife of John Schlicht, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Margaret, Loretta R. and George A., all residing at home. Mr. Aitken and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is identified with the fraternal order of Elks.

HARRY W. DENNY,\* assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Hickory, Pa., was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., July 22, 1868, and is a son of Wilson T. and Margaret (Tidball) Denny.

Wilson T. Denny was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, September 11, 1843, and was a son of Josiah and a grandson of William and Elizabeth Denny. The grandparents came in 1790 from Eastern Pennsylvania to Washington County, where both died. William Denny was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Josiah Denny, grandfather of Harry W., was born June 16, 1798, in Washington County, and died in Cecil Township April 1, 1856. He married Jane Smcox, who was also a native of Washington County. She was born in 1798 and died in 1868. Their children were as follows: William W., who was a physician at Pittsburg, and died in March, 1868; Joseph, who lives in Noble County, Ohio; Mary, who died in 1883 at Cumberland, Ohio, and was the wife of William H. McClay; Martha Jane, who is the wife of Hugh Liggitt, of Maskingum County, Ohio; John A., who resides at Canonsburg, Pa.; and



GEORGE R. AITKEN



Wilson T. Josiah Denny and wife were members of the Presbyterian Church at Miller's Run.

Wilson T. Denny, father of Harry W., attended the district schools near his father's farm in boyhood, and then gave his attention to the cultivation of the home farm in Cecil Township until the fall of 1871. After his marriage he erected a substantial residence and a barn. On the latter being burned, he erected a new one. His farm contained seventy-five acres of well cultivated land. In 1871 he embarked in the mercantile business at Burgettstown, which he continued until 1876, when he returned to the farm, where his long and useful life closed October 21, 1908. Politically a Republican, he accepted no public office except that of school director, in which he served two terms. He was a stockholder in the Citizens Trust Company of Canonsburg. He was married February 27, 1866, to Margaret Tidball, born December 24, 1845, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Nicholson) Tidball, of Robinson Township. William Tidball survived until May 12, 1884, but his wife passed away November 10, 1849. Mrs. Denny resides at Hickory. Both she and her husband were members of the United Presbyterian Church at Venice. They had four children—Harry W., William W., Eva Jane and Laura M.

Harry W. Denny was educated in the public schools of Cecil Township, Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg and the McDonald Academy. Impaired health caused him to return to the out-door life on the farm, which proved the medicine he required and he remained in Cecil Township until his marriage, when he settled at Hickory and in April, 1906, became assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank. He has other financial interests besides being a stockholder in this bank, also owning stock in the Citizens' Trust Company of Canonsburg. He is a staunch Republican and has been more or less active in public matters and served ten years as auditor of Cecil Township.

On November 21, 1907, Mr. Denny was married to Miss Ida E. Dinsmore, a daughter of J. R. Dinsmore, and they have one son, Jay McClay. Mr. and Mrs. Denny belong to the United Presbyterian Church at Hickory.

JOHN A. HUNTER,\* a venerable citizen of McDonald, where for forty years he has been engaged in carpentering and contracting, was born January 19, 1836, in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of John and Nancy (Grear) Hunter, and grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Hunter.

John Hunter, the father, followed agricultural pursuits all of his life in Cecil Township, where both he and his wife are buried. They were members of the Covenant Church, and in political matters he was a Democrat. John and Nancy Hunter had these children: Elizabeth, Robert and George, who are deceased, (the

latter from disease contracted while serving in the Federal army during the Civil War); John A.; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of W. L. Smith; Joseph, who also died from the effects of army life; and James, Nancy Jane and William.

John A. Hunter attended the common schools of Cecil Township until he reached the age of fourteen years and then engaged in farming with his father, an occupation which he followed until reaching his twenty-fifth year, when he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1870 he came to McDonald, and since that time has been actively engaged in working at his trade, but during the last year has been retired somewhat from business activity. He has erected some of the largest and most substantial structures in McDonald, including the fine brick First United Presbyterian Church building, of which church he and his wife are members, and he is well known and highly esteemed throughout this part of the county. In his political views he is a Republican, but he has never sought nor cared for public office. He is the owner of considerable valuable McDonald real estate.

On July 4, 1861, Mr. Hunter was married to Martha Ann Harper, the eldest daughter of William and Mary Ann (Lindsay) Harper, whose other children were: David, who is deceased; Mary, widow of Robert Hood; Tamer, deceased; Wilson; and Joseph and Malissa, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have had two children: Ada C., deceased, who was the wife of E. B. McNary; and W. J., who married Margaret Sturgeon, by whom he has had one son, William John Sturgeon, born November 7, 1902.

BARTLEY McMANUS,\* proprietor of Hotel Indiana at Donora, Pa., who has been a resident here since April 1, 1901, was born June 15, 1863, in Scotland and is a son of Bartley and Alice (Hollowood) McManus, both natives of Ireland.

Bartley McManus, Sr., was reared in Ireland and when a young man went to Scotland, where he engaged in mining. He there married Alice Hollowood, who also left Ireland at an early age. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom were born in Scotland—John; James, deceased; Alice, deceased; Bartley, subject of this sketch; Patrick; Sarah, who is the wife of Thomas Woods; Peter and Thomas. Bartley McManus later in life came to America, locating at Webster, Pa., where he worked in the mines until the time of his death in February, 1885. His wife died in 1907.

Bartley McManus, Jr., came to this country at the age of sixteen years, his parents and family coming over later. He first located along the Monongahela River, where he followed coal mining. In 1901 he came to Donora and opened the Hotel McManus, located on the corner of Fourth and Thompson streets, which he con-

ducted successfully for three years, when he sold to Daniel Shoemaker, who is the present proprietor. The following year he purchased from Cunningham and Reidenour, the Indiana House, which contains forty bedrooms and is located on the corner of Sixth and Meldon streets.

March 10, 1855, Mr. McManus married Sally Ledbeater, of Coal Center, who is a daughter of Abe Ledbeater, who served in the Civil War. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McManus: Bartley, who married Nora Schocknem; Elizabeth, who married Clarence Foster; Thomas; Alice, who married M. O'Heare; Abe; Patrick; Emmett; Joseph; Setta and Margaret. Mr. McManus is fraternally a B. P. O. E., F. O. E. and an A. O. H. He is a Republican, politically, and holds membership with the Catholic Church.

W. J. COULSON,\* one of the substantial citizens of Washington County and for the past two years of Washington, residing at No. 247 North avenue, was born on his father's farm in Buffalo Township, Washington County, Pa., four miles west of Washington, in 1859, and is a son of Elijah E. and Charlotte (Warrick) Coulson.

Coulson is a good old English name and from England came the great-grandfather, with his two brothers, they being among the first permanent settlers in Washington County. Elijah E. Coulson was born in Buffalo Township, in 1814, a son of John Coulson, and his entire life was passed on the same farm, where he died in 1889. His interests were all of an agricultural nature and for many years he cultivated his lands successfully and raised much stock, making a specialty of sheep. He married Charlotte Warrick, a member of another old county family, and they had two sons born to them: W. J. and E. G., the latter of whom continues to live on the old homestead.

The old Coulson homestead was the chosen home of W. J. Coulson until he was thirty years of age, when he moved to his farm in Amwell Township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising until 1907, when he came to Washington, where he is connected officially with the Washington County Fire Insurance Company. He retains the ownership of a valuable farm of 142 acres, in Amwell Township and is interested financially in other enterprises.

In 1889 Mr. Coulson was married to Miss Margaret Carothers, a daughter of W. B. Carothers, who was born near Taylorstown and is a member of an old and prominent family. Mr. and Mrs. Coulson have three children: William E., Harry M. and Emeline, all of them bright students in the Washington schools. Mr. Coulson and wife are members of the First United Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the trustees.

THOMAS J. UNDERWOOD,\* cashier of the Peoples Bank of California, Pa., who is also extensively engaged in the real estate and insurance business, is one of the most prominent business men of California. He was born June 20, 1867, at New Eagle, Pa., a son of Joseph and Ellen Underwood. His parents are both natives of England, and the father, who was for some years engaged in the coal business at California, is widely known in the banking circles of Washington County.

Thomas J. Underwood was seven years old when his parents came to California, where he attended the common schools, and at the tender age of eleven years became a laborer in the mines; he continued but a short time, when he accepted a position as a clerk in the "Little Alps" general store, which was operated by Underwood & Coatsworth, and was located on the corner of Water and Union streets, at that time the busiest section of California. There were no railroads here then and the commercial activity of the town was centered around the boat landing at the foot of Union street, and the Little Alps store, where our subject was employed, carried on an extensive and lucrative business. Mr. Underwood remained in the employ of Underwood & Coatsworth for four years, then went to Roscoe, Pa., where he clerked in the Alps store for some time, during his connection with this concern he acquired a knowledge of telegraphy under the preceptorship of Isaac Dawson. When 21 years of age he became a night operator for the Pittsburg & Charleston Railroad at Thompson, which was at that time the only station on the road with night operator services. He was later appointed freight and passenger agent at Charleroi, and remained in the employ of this company eight years, serving in various positions until 1898, when he resigned to accept a position with the California Coal Company as superintendent of the Crescent mine, in which capacity he served until August, 1899. He resigned his position, the company having disposed of their interests to the Monongahela Consolidated Coal & Coke Company. Mr. Underwood has been engaged in the real estate business at California since 1901, when he located in his present commodious office above the Peoples Bank of California, and has been instrumental in closing many of the large real estate deals which have been consummated in California, being especially active in bringing about the Jones and Laughlin purchases on Water street, where he held options on a greater portion of the property which then changed hands. He is a Notary Public, attesting deeds and commercial papers of every description, and is also extensively engaged in the insurance business, representing the best and most reliable companies and covering the entire field of life, fire, casualty, marine and plate glass insurance. Mr. Underwood became cashier of the Peoples Bank of California in De-







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ember, 1907, and has been a stockholder and director since its organization April 23, 1900. In fraternal circles Mr. Underwood is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Underwood was united in marriage with Etta Qualk, who was reared in Coal Center, and is a daughter of Jacob Qualk, and they have two daughters, Hilda M. and Mildred E. The Underwood residence, which is one of the finest in the Monongahela Valley, is beautifully furnished throughout and is located on Wood street, near Fifth, and commands a splendid view of Coal Center, the business portion of California, and the distant bluffs, which tower majestically above the quiet waters of the Monongahela River. The house, which is a two-story building with all modern conveniences, has a frontage of sixty feet, including verandas, and a depth of over sixty-four feet, and the verandas, which are nine feet in depth, extend around three sides of the house, and are approached from the street by stone pavements on an easy grade with short flights of steps. The grounds surrounding the house, cover about four acres of land, are beautifully terraced, the walks are lined with shrubbery and blooming plants, and the shade trees are placed artistically throughout the grounds, the whole presenting a picture that is seldom equaled outside of the larger cities.

ALFRED L. G. DIEVART, proprietor of the Hotel Main, a three-story, buff brick structure containing forty-nine rooms and situated on East Main street, Monongahela City, Pa., is one of the borough's representative business men and most active citizens. He was born at Lodelinsard, Belgium, April 14, 1872, and is a son of Francis and Alice (Schmidt) Dievart.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Dievart were Francis and Celina Dievart, natives of France, their home being at Abscon in one of the northern provinces. They had the following children: Francis, Henry, Eugenia, Clementine, Edmund and Alfred. For generations the men of this family were painters and decorators, skilled artisans.

Francis Dievart, father of Alfred L. G., was born in France and now resides with his wife, retired, at Monongahela City. A glass-blower by trade, he came alone to the United States in 1880, his wife and children following in 1882. He married Alice Schmidt, who was born in Belgium. One of her grandfathers was Maj. Henry Lambilliot, of the Belgium Army. Her parents were Louis and Onorine Schmidt and the other members of the family beside Mrs. Dievart were: Francis, Emile, Henry, (Melchior), (Zenaid), Arthur, Irma and Ernest. Her father was a famous glass-blower and was imported from Germany to follow that trade in a Belgian factory.

At the time of his death he was the oldest glass-blower in Belgium.

Alfred L. G. Dievart was an infant when his parents took him to France and the family home was at Marpent pres de Monbeuche. He was eleven years old when he accompanied his mother to America and for three years the family lived at Kent, Ohio, and then went on a reservation in South Dakota. Four years later removal was made to Findlay, Ohio, and there Mr. Dievart learned the window glass business, which he followed for eleven years. In the meanwhile he had become proficient in the English language and naturally was equally skilled in the use of his mother tongue, therefore when a cousin, Joseph Fieviet, sent for him to assist, in the capacity of interpreter, in a large business contract, he was competent to fill the requirements. Joseph Fieviet, a highly skilled architect in the employ of the Goppe et Pagnoule Company, Belgium, was sent to Monongahela City to build a Belgian window glass tank and later was retained to operate the plant and as Mr. Dievart was a glass worker, he entered the employ of this enterprising firm, the Thomas Whiteman Window Glass Company, and continued with them from July 12, 1894, until they installed machines that took the place of hand work. For some time longer Mr. Dievart continued to work in the glass business and before he retired from it he had reached one of the high stations, being a blower of big window glass. He then went to work for the Independent Brewing Company of Pittsburg, where he remained for three years, after which, in April, 1907, he took charge of his present hostelry, which was formerly the McBride Hotel. He is a very popular host and enjoys a large amount of first-class patronage.

Mr. Dievart is one of the following children born to his parents: Louis and Louisa, both of whom died in infancy; Alfred L. G.; Alice, who is now deceased, (was the wife of Jules Collins, also deceased, who was a glass-blower); Laura, who is the wife of John Fenstermaker; Leah, who is the wife of Hector Desgain, a city official at Caney, Kas.; Irma, who is the wife of Aril Pivont, proprietor of a hotel at Hartford City, Ind.; and Clara, who is clerk in a shoe store at Monongahela City. On July 1, 1896, Mr. Dievart was married to Miss Catherine Burke, a daughter of James and Mary Burke. Mrs. Dievart's parents are deceased and their burial was in the Catholic Cemetery at Monongahela City. Her father was a master shearer in a window glass factory. Her brothers and sisters are: William; Julia, who is the wife of Joseph Boyle; Arthur; and Alice, who is the wife of Albert Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Dievart have two children, Mary Gertrude and Francis Joseph. They are members of the Catholic Church and for four years Mr.

Dievart was a member of the committee that had charge of the erection of the present fine church edifice. He is a member in good standing in a number of organizations fraternal in character, belonging to Lodge No. 455, Elks; Lodge No. 532, F. O. E., and T. V. E., all of Monongahela City. He belongs also to the Holy Name Society; to the Pennsylvania State Hotel Men's Association; and is honorary vice president of the Société de Secours Mutuels L'Espoir. This French organization was founded at Charleroi (Pa.) on June 14, 1909, and of its rules precludes all but French-speaking people from membership. Mr. Dievart is identified with the Republican party.

WILLIAM PHENNICIE, ex-deputy sheriff of Washington County, Pa., and proprietor of Hotel Duquesne at Donora, Pa., was born October 7, 1861, at Scalp Level, Cambria County, Pa. He is a son of Eli and Emma (Myers) Phennicie, and comes of a family long established in Western Pennsylvania.

Eli Phennicie was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., as were also his father and grandfather, Stephen and Elijah Phennicie. Eli was a shoemaker for some twenty-four years, then went to work in the coal mines and was killed by falling slate in the fall of 1888, when fifty-two years of age. He served in the Civil War, first enlisting for three months. On March 1, 1862, he re-enlisted and at the time of his discharge at the end of his term, was a member of Co. H, 54th Reg. Pa. Vol., under Capt. McDermott. He married Emma Myers, who was born in Cambria County, Pa., and died in 1903, aged fifty-two years. Of their union were born the following children: William, our subject; Frank; Nettie, who married Gilbert Harvey; John Howard; Robert; Catherine, who died aged sixteen years; Alice, who is the wife of William Murray; Emma, who married John Watt; Charles, and Nellie, who married William Gipe.

William Phennicie was about eight years of age when his parents moved from Scalp Level to Garret, Somerset County, Pa., and when about twelve years old he entered the mines there. He was subsequently made foreman of the Castleman Coal Company, with which concern he was identified for ten years. In the spring of 1893 he went to Roscoe, Washington County, Pa., and worked in the mines there for a short time. He served as a member of the police force at Roscoe for a time, after which he went to Washington, Pa., where for three years he served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Cruthers, during which time he also had charge of the jail. He subsequently ran the Stockdale Hotel at Stockdale, Pa., for two years, then was proprietor of the McCormick Hotel at Bentleyville for one year, and in May, 1907, came to Donora and purchased from Ellis Moss the Hotel Duquesne, which contains twenty-two rooms and

is located on First street between McKean and Thompson streets.

Mr. Phennicie was married August 11, 1880, to Anna B. Sheets, who is a daughter of Joseph Sheets, of Somerset County, Pa. Their children are: Joseph F., who was married October 22, 1906, to Laura Reese, and has one child, Joseph F.; Roy, who was married October, 1909, to Bessie Duff; Lula, who married O. M. Fry, and has one son, William; Maud, William and George.

Mr. Phennicie is a member of the Sons of Veterans and is also fraternally affiliated with the I. O. O. F. of Roscoe, the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Roscoe and the order of the Moose at Pittsburg. In politics he is a Republican.

O'DELL ALLISON,\* an enterprising young business man of McDonald, Pa., who is serving as agent for the Tri-State Gas Company, a branch of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, was born July 14, 1884, at East Liverpool, Ohio, and is a son of James F. and Rosa R. (Beal) Allison. The parents of O'Dell Allison, who are residents of McDonald, have four children: Harry V.; O'Dell; Clyde, and Grace, who is the wife of Herbert W. Singleton.

O'Dell Allison attended the common schools until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he entered the employ of the Tri-State Gas Company, and he has continued in this firm's employ to the present time, having been promoted from time to time, until he now holds his present responsible position. He has been an active citizen and has been identified with Republican politics, for some years holding civic offices, serving for three years as auditor of McDonald and now being clerk of the borough Council. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church.

In July, 1906, Mr. Allison was married to Elizabeth Tait, daughter of George F. and Missouri (Fouts) Tait, residents of Bargettsstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Tait have three children: Jessie, the wife of Herman Lorenz; Elizabeth (Mrs. Allison) and Hazel. One child, Hope Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Allison December 20, 1908.

WALTER SIMINGTON,\* who successfully carries on agricultural operations on his valuable farm of 225 acres, located in Mt. Pleasant Township, was born on this farm July 17, 1878, a son of Allan Harper and Ellen (McIlvaine) Simington.

His paternal great-grandfather, Peter Simington, was a native of Northampton County, Pa., and about the year 1795 married Margaret McFarren, also a native of that county. In 1810 he and his wife removed to Cherry Valley, Washington County, where in September of the following year he bought 344 acres of the original Cherry tract, on which they subsequently resided. They were

members of the Racoon Presbyterian Church, Peter Simington being a Whig in politics. Their children were Jennie, John and Isabella. Jennie, born in 1800, became the wife of Samuel Farrar, and died in September, 1882. Her children were John, Robert S., William, Aaron, Samuel L., Julia A., who married John McElroy; and Simanton (Simington).

John Simington, born in 1802, in Northampton County, Pa., accompanied his parents to Cherry Valley in 1810, and was reared and educated in Mt. Pleasant Township. He married a Miss Ramsey and settled on the old home farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, where three daughters were born to him—Margaret, wife of William Campbell, of Midway, Pa.; Isabelle (Mrs. Robert Patterson, of Bolivar, Westmoreland County, Pa.), and Martha Jane, who died young. The mother of these children died soon after the birth of her youngest child, and John Simington subsequently married Eliza Allen, who was born in 1806 in Greene County, Pa., and came to Washington County in childhood with her parents. Of this second marriage was born Allen Harper, the father of the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. John Simington were members of the Presbyterian Church at Candor, this county, in which he was also a ruling elder for many years. He died in 1871; his wife in 1884.

Allen Harper Simington was born March 16, 1843, in Mt. Pleasant Township. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and assisted in the work on the farm. He was for many years one of the representative men of the township, as well as one of its most prosperous citizens. His ample fortune consisted of farm lands and stock in the Midway National Bank at Midway, Pa. He was a Republican politically and was frequently called upon to serve in local office. He was a member of the school board for two terms and was twice elected judge of elections.

On November 19, 1868, he was united in marriage with Ellen McIlvaine, who was a daughter of Guyan McIlvaine. Her father was born in Somerset Township, this county, in 1792 and passed his early life on the farm. He married Jane Ferguson, of Somerset Township and their children were: Lydia, who married John Phillips, whom she survived; William Greer, who died in 1882 at Memphis, Tenn.; Robert F., residing in Rochester, Beaver County, Pa., and John M., a resident of Mt. Pleasant Township.

The mother of the above mentioned children died in 1823 and in 1839 Guyan McIlvaine married Jane Bratton, a native of Lancaster County, Pa. In 1835 he settled in Mt. Pleasant Township. Of his second marriage were born the following children: Harvey, who removed to Kansas; Anna Eliza, who married William M. Campbell, of Cross Creek Township; Joseph Lawrence, editor

of the "Advocate" of New Philadelphia, Ohio; Boyd, who resides in South Dakota; Belle Jane, a resident of Mt. Pleasant Township; James A. and Martha Ellen (Mrs. A. Harper Simington), and Mary Esther. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine were both members of the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Prospect. He died in 1869, having survived his wife nine years. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Know-nothing and finally a Republican.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. A. Harper Simington resided on the home farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, where he devoted his time to agriculture. He died February 16, 1907, and was buried in the Racoon Cemetery. Their family consisted of four children—Maud, Maggie Belle, Walter and Jennie. On his death the property was divided among the four heirs.

Walter Simington was educated in Mt. Pleasant Township, attending the district school and the Hickory High School. Being the only surviving son, he became his father's assistant, in which position he proved very competent. He conducts his agricultural operations along modern lines and has a good equipment of up-to-date farm machinery. He keeps enough cows to ship thirty-five gallons of milk to Pittsburg. Some of these are of ordinary stock, but he has a fine herd of sleek Holsteins. About 150 acres of his land is under the plow, and his wooden tracts show clean, sound timber. He is identified with the Republican party, and with his sisters attends the Presbyterian Church. The family is one which stands very high in this section.

DAVID R. DUVALL,\* one of the leading hardware merchants of Charleroi, whose store is located at No. 318 Fallowfield avenue, was for ten years identified with the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works of Charleroi, and has been a resident here since 1894. He was born January 26, 1873, at California, Pa., is a son of Alexander and Josephine (Pester) Duvall, and a grandson of David Duvall, who was one of the early settlers of East Pike Run Township. The father of our subject always engaged in farming in East Pike Run Township, where he was born and reared, and died there on the home farm, May 10, 1875. The mother of our subject, Josephine (Pester) Duvall, was a daughter of Moses Pester, and was a native of East Pike Run Township. Her death occurred August 7, 1907.

David R. Duvall was reared on the farm in East Pike Run Township, where he remained until 1894, when he came to Charleroi, where he spent ten years working in the Pittsburg Plate Glass Works. On April 1, 1906, he and his brother, Channey S. Duvall, established the present hardware store on Fallowfield avenue, and conducted the business under the firm name of Duvall Brothers for

one year, when the latter disposed of his interest in the business to William M. Gault, and has since dealt extensively in real estate at Monessen, Pa. One year later Mr. D. R. Duvall purchased Mr. Gault's interest in the business and has since been successfully engaged in carrying on the business alone.

Mr. Duvall married Cora E. Carson, who was born and reared in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a daughter of Henry J. Carson. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Duvall; Thelma J. and Howard Carson Duvall. In fraternal circles, Mr. Duvall is identified with the Masonic order.

ANGELO SESSI, who conducts a meat market at Finleyville, Pa., is one of the directors of the First National Bank of that borough, and has been a resident of Washington County, Pa., since October, 1896. He was born April 9, 1876, in Italy, and is a son of Zacharias and Philimina Sessi, natives of Northern Italy, who came to America about 1871 and located in Westmoreland County, Pa. His father became a citizen of the United States, and obtained his first naturalization papers, which he lost, in Westmoreland County, but later took out others at Washington, Pa. Zacharias Sessi located for a time at Gastonville, Pa., where he conducted a meat market, but removed to Finleyville, where his death occurred in January, 1903, when aged forty-nine years. He is still survived by his widow. They had three children: Angelo; Eldena, who is the wife of Eldry Getty, of Gastonville, Pa.; and Alfred, a resident of Finleyville, Pa.

Angelo Sessi was a lad of eleven years when his parents came to this country and located at Bridgeville, Pa., and at the age of twelve years began working in the mines at 51 cents per day, and continued working in the mines for seven years, when he returned to his native country. He remained in Italy for three years, and when he came to the United States again he located at Gastonville, Pa., and was in time to cast a vote for William B. McKinley for President. For two years he assisted his father in operating a meat market, and after his marriage, embarked in the business for himself at Gastonville, where he dressed his own meat, and also ran a wagon along the river. In the fall of 1906, Mr. Sessi came to Finleyville and erected his present market, which is the finest in Washington County, and is located on Extension avenue opposite the bank, and that same year also built his large brick residence. Mr. Sessi owns considerable real estate at Gastonville, and in February, 1909, became a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Finleyville, having purchased his stock from C. Fritchman. He is a Re-

publican in politics, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Gastonville.

In January, 1899, Mr. Sessi was married to Sarah Phillips, a daughter of John Phillips, who was a native of England, and to them have been born six children: Harry, Ethel, Rose, Dorothy, Angelo and Mabel.

WILLIAM V. McCAFFREY,\* brick contractor at Washington, has built up a most satisfying business in his line in the past nine years, and enjoys a reputation for thoroughly reliable work and punctual completion of contracts. He was born in 1873, at Steubenville, Ohio, and came to Washington in boyhood.

Mr. McCaffrey attended school through early boyhood and then learned the bricklayer's trade, becoming a thoroughly skilled workman. He has been a resident of Washington for about twenty years and during almost ten has been in business for himself. His work may be viewed on many of the most substantial buildings of recent erection at Washington.

Mr. McCaffrey has a pleasant home at No. 149 West Hallam avenue. He married Miss Stanislaus Gannon, of McKeesport, Pa., and they have had eight children—Catherine, William V., Francis and Joseph (twins), Genevieve, Paul, Gertrude and Elizabeth. Joseph died in infancy. With his family Mr. McCaffrey is a member of the Catholic Church and he belongs to the order of the Knights of Columbus.

S. N. McPEAK,\* who owns fifteen acres of land in Mt. Pleasant Township, which is exceedingly valuable as it lies in the town of Hickory, is a dealer in lumber at this place and also carries on business as a contracting carpenter. He was born in Cecil Township, Washington County, Pa., May 30, 1856, and is a son of Vincent and Margaret (Davidon) McPeak.

S. M. McPeak was educated in the Hickory schools and then learned the carpenter's trade here under a skilled workman. His home has always been in Washington County and with his two brothers and one sister, he resides on the land above mentioned, a part of the old homestead. His business interests are large, but are carefully looked after. For a number of years he has been a contracting carpenter and owns his own lumber yards. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank at Hickory, and also in the Guardian Trust Company of Pittsburg.

Mr. McPeak was reared in the United Presbyterian Church and belongs to that body at Hickory. He is a staunch Republican, but has never been willing to accept any public office. He is widely known and universally trusted and respected.



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ANDREW A. GEDEON,\* a well-known resident of McDonald, Pa., where he has been engaged in a newspaper and stationery business since February 1907, was born February 2, 1864, at Cleveland, Ohio, and is a son of Andrew and Catherine (Erestle) Gedeon, the former of whom, a mill worker, died in 1897. Mrs. Catherine Gedeon resides at Pittsburg, Pa. The parents of Andrew A. Gedeon had children as follows: A daughter who died in infancy; Andrew A.; Matthew; Mary, who is the wife of Adolph Ivans; Louis, who is serving in the United States Army, being stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.; and Lena, who is the wife of Michael Orient.

Andrew A. Gedeon attended the common schools of Cleveland and Pittsburg, after leaving which he entered glass works in the latter city and, learning the trade of glass blowing, followed that as an occupation for fifteen years. The following five years he spent in the newspaper business in Pittsburg, after which he continued in the same line at Wilkmsburg for one year. He then became a solicitor for different companies in Pittsburg until engaging in a restaurant business at Allegheny. After one and one-half years in the latter business, he located in McDonald, in February, 1907, and here he has built up an excellent trade in the line of newspapers and stationery, and carries a full stock of high-class periodicals and standard stationery articles. Mr. Gedeon is a Democrat, and he and his family attend the United Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

In 1887 Mr. Gedeon was married to Amelia Schmotzer, daughter of George and Mary Schmotzer. Her father is deceased, but her mother is still living in Germany. Mrs. Gedeon has two sisters, Mary and Anna, and one brother, Anthony. To Mr. and Mrs. Gedeon there have been born seven children: Lena, Mary, Amelia, George, Catherine, Peter and John.

THEODORE J. ECKBRETH,\* who is the genial proprietor of the Monongahela House at Monongahela City, Pa., was born February 15, 1867, on a farm in Baldwin Township, Allegheny County, Pa., and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Eckbreth.

Henry Eckbreth was born in Germany and at the age of ten years came to America alone and located near Pittsburg, where at an early age he began working in the mines. He later engaged in farming in Baldwin Township, Allegheny County, and was united in marriage with Elizabeth Miller, who was born in that township and who died at the age of sixty-five years. Henry Eckbreth, who lives with our subject, is seventy-seven years of age and is the father of twelve children, namely: Henry, deceased; Mary, wife of Otto Wolfe; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Sweney; William C.; Theodore J., subject of this sketch; Melinda, who married George Eck-

man; Hallie, wife of W. H. Myers; Anna; John; Sadie, wife of John Lutz; Julia and Walter.

Theodore J. Eckbreth was reared on his father's farm in Allegheny County and attended the district schools of Baldwin Township, after which he worked some time in the mines, and in 1899 went to Belle Vernon, where he opened the Central Hotel, containing twenty-five rooms, for which he was granted license five times. In 1905 he came to Monongahela City and purchased from J. P. Mulvihill the Monongahela House, which is located on Second street and contains thirty rooms.

On May 6, 1895, Mr. Eckbreth was united in marriage with Mayme Tunney, a native of England, and a daughter of J. W. and Mary (Patterson) Tunney. They have one son, Walter M.

Mr. Eckbreth holds membership with the B. P. O. E. of Charleroi and the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias of Hope Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

HARRY J. REPMAN, M. D.,\* of Charleroi, Pa., whose offices are located in the building of the Bank of Charleroi, has been identified with the medical profession of this city since September, 1901. He was born October 6, 1870, at Wampum, Lawrence County, Pa., and is a son of Levi and Elizabeth (McCollum) Repman, the latter of whom passed out of this life in 1873.

Dr. Harry J. Repman was reared at Wampum, where he attended the common schools, then entered Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pa. After his graduation in 1893, he taught two years in the high school at Wampum, Pa. In 1896 he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated May 15, 1900, and the following year was spent as resident physician of the McKeesport Hospital at McKeesport, Pa. Since September, 1901, he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Charleroi, where he has made many professional and personal friends.

Dr. Repman was united in marriage with Eleanore McNaughton. He is a member of the county and State medical societies, and is prominently identified with the Masonic order, holding membership with Charleroi Lodge No. 615, F. & A. M.; the Monongahela Chapter No. 249, R. A. M.; the McKean Commandery No. 80, K. T.; the Pittsburg Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Syria Temple of Pittsburg.

WILLIAM H. HANNA,\* a resident of Washington of ten years' standing, belongs to the younger order of business men of this city and has made a success of his work in the oil industry. He was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1881, and is a son of the late Edgar Hanna, formerly a farmer in Washington County, Pa.

The parents of Mr. Hanna moved to Washington Coun-

ty in his infancy and settled on a farm near Van Buren, on which he grew to manhood. After his school attendance was over he assisted his father and then went into the oil fields as tool dresser and has been identified with the oil industry ever since.

Mr. Hanna was married in March, 1903, to Miss Sarah Belle Roach, who was born in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, and is a daughter of Marion Roach, a substantial farmer there. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have had two children, James Everett and Thelma Violet. The daughter died when seven months old. They are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the fraternal order of Eagles.

GEORGE WIES,\* owner of one of the leading meat markets of Monongahela City, Pa., was born in Germany, a son of John and Margarita (Schmidt) Wies, and has been a resident of this city since 1892. His parents were both born in Germany, where for many years they were engaged in agricultural pursuits. Their two children were born in Germany, namely: George, the subject of this sketch; and Margaret, who married Jacob Kyle. In 1883 the family came to America, locating for a short time at Pittsburg, Pa., and later removing to McKeesport, where our subject and Jacob Kyle, his brother-in-law, for three years conducted a meat market with much success. Mr. Wies then disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Kyle, after which he came to Monongahela City, and in partnership with Jacob Snyder, opened a shop across the river. They shortly afterwards dissolved partnership and Mr. Wies rented a small shop, where his business rapidly increased. In 1893 he erected his present shop, which is located at No. 145 East Main street on the island, and he also purchased his residence property. Here Mr. Wies has established an extensive and lucrative patronage, and also runs two wagons through the country.

October 8, 1890, Mr. Wies was joined in the bonds of wedlock with Josephine Cain, a daughter of Robert and Catherine Cain, and of their union have been born two children, Anna, and William. Mr. Wies is fraternally affiliated with the Maccabees of Monongahela City, the F. O. E. of this city, and his religious connection is with the Lutheran Church. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

HENRY H. PLANCE,\* a prominent citizen of McDonald, who has served for twelve years as a member of the borough Council, was born on the top of Cove Hill, in West Virginia, December 16, 1847. He is a son of George and Ellen (Rolston) Plance, and a grandson of Joseph and Betsey Plance, and of Joseph and Grace Rolston.

Henry H. Plance was young when his parents came to

Washington County, Pa., and he was the second born in the following family of children: Andrew, who is deceased; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of David Jones, a veteran of the Civil War; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of William Baxter; Nannie, deceased; and George B., who is living. The father of Mr. Plance died January 22, 1859, and after some years of widowhood, Mrs. Plance married John Smith, and they had three children: Calvin, Elizabeth, wife of George Fulton; and Hettie, wife of William Ross. Mrs. Smith died in 1903.

Until he was about twelve years of age, Henry H. Plance was permitted to attend school, but after that had hard work to perform on the home farm. His father had been a miller but he had no opportunity to go to work at that trade, had he been so inclined, and so as soon as old enough he went to work on the railroad. While performing his duties as brakeman he met with an accident that caused the loss of an arm and this necessitated a long period of rest. When able to resume work he was given the position of pumper for the railroad company by which he had been employed, and he has held this place for the last twenty-two years, being a faithful and efficient employe. He has taken an active part in public matters in Robinson Township, served three years as school director and has been a very useful member of the borough Council, as mentioned above. In politics he is a Democrat.

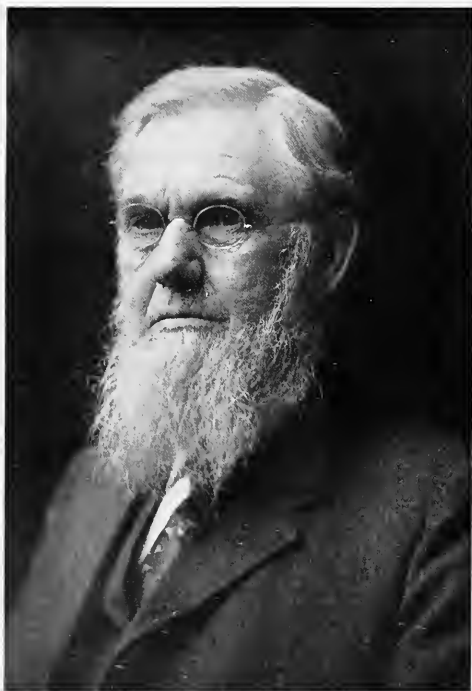
On October 14, 1874, Mr. Plance was married to Miss Margaret Melaffey, a daughter of Alexander and Jane (Couch) Mehaffey, well known people in Allegheny County. Mrs. Plance has an older sister, Anna, who is the wife of Benjamin Hesen, and a younger brother, Lorenzo. After her mother died, her father married Sarah Roll, of Westmoreland County, and to that marriage the following children were born: Mollie, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Conway; John, William, Robert, Henry, Lilly, widow of John Taylor, and Joseph.

To Mr. and Mrs. Plance the following children have been born: Margaret, who married Charles Rowen, and has a daughter, Mildred; George; Mary Elvira, who married James Watson, and has a son and daughter—John and Margaret; Della, who married John Talbot, and has one son, George Henry; Leonard Car, who is deceased; and Edna, Leonard Alexander, and Charles Wade. Mr. Plance and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church at McDonald.

JOSEPH P. MORRIS,\* who is a well known business man at Hickory, Washington County, Pa., where he conducts a blacksmith and general repair shop, was born at Hickory, June 19, 1838, and is a son of John and Linda (Brown) Morris.

The father of Mr. Morris was born in England, April 26, 1789. When he came to America he settled near





RICHARD FORREST

Hickory, Pa., as a farmer, and lived there until his death, March 1, 1865, his burial being in the Hickory Cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. In 1834 he married Linda Brown, who survived her husband for twenty years, dying July 11, 1885. They had the following children: Hannah K., born March 31, 1836; Joseph P., Mary Ann, born November 4, 1839; William, born April 25, 1841, who married Susan Mitchell and died August 20, 1898; John B., born March 28, 1844, who is in partnership with Joseph P.; Rachel Jane, born April 16, 1846, who died September 23, 1857; Myra Louise, born August 20, 1848, who died February 2, 1849; and Nancy, who was born April 19, 1850, and died December 19, 1884.

With his brothers and sisters, Mr. Morris attended the public schools at Hickory. He was about sixteen years of age when he learned the blacksmith's trade and has worked at it ever since, in point of years being one of the oldest active business men in the place. During his long and busy life he has witnessed many changes in Hickory, seeing it develop from a village into a prosperous business center, and there has never been a time when he was not employed or when he has not been able to attend to his bellows and forge. Many noted horsemen have brought their valuable animals to him for attention.

In politics, Mr. Morris is a Republican, as was his father prior to his death, having been a Democrat before the Civil War. Mr. Morris has served as auditor of Mt. Pleasant Township. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

**RICHARD FORREST**, who operates one of the largest and finest florist plants in Washington, Pa., was for many years one of the leading building contractors of this locality. He is a veteran of the Civil War and was born in 1844, in Allegheny County, Pa., coming with his parents to Washington County when quite young. They first located in Canonsburg, where they remained but a short time, then came to Washington, where our subject was reared and educated. He attended the Union schools and afterwards took charge of a news department in an old frame building near where the First National Bank is now located. He subsequently learned carriage building with S. B. and C. Hays, of Washington, remaining in their employ four years, after which he spent one year in the wagon shops of John Hallam, who was located on East Wheeling street, and in 1864 enlisted in Co. F, Pa. Heavy Art., under Col. Gallup. He served until the close of the war, his first battle being in the Shenandoah Valley, going then on to Fairfax Hill, where the company wintered, and from there to the battlefield of Bull Run, and back again to Vienna, and was mustered out in July, 1865. Upon his return home he re-entered the wagon shops of John

Hallam and worked on the first stage coach that was built west of the mountains. He and his brother shortly afterwards established the House Coach Factory, which they conducted with much success for two years, during which time the building on East Wheeling street was erected. His next work was that of building fifty-two wind-mills for the cleaning of all kinds of grain; then built for Hays & Wilson, fifty machine wagons; and upon the completion of this work, he and his brother Robert Forrest, erected what is now known as the Forrest Building on North Main street, our subject, being the contractor in charge of same, after which he was for many years engaged in contract building, erecting many of the fine residences in Washington. He then bought his present property, consisting of eleven and a half acres, upon which he has established one of the finest florist plants in Washington, having about 40,000 square feet of glass. Here he raises for the general market all kinds of cut flowers, budding plants and garden truck.

Mr. Forrest was married in 1873 to Theresa Mills, who was born in Monongahela City, Pa., and is a sister of James Mills, who was for thirty-five years editor of the Pittsburg Post. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, all of whom died in infancy. They have one adopted daughter, Alice Mills Forrest, who married Lloyd Swarthout, and resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Forrest was previously married to Mary Buckley, who died of consumption.

Mr. Forrest has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was eighteen years of age, and is at present a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington. For a time he was identified with the Methodist Protestant Church. He belongs to the Masonic order.

**GEORGE T. WILKINSON**, secretary and treasurer of the California Provision Company, which was established at California, Pa., in the fall of 1908, was born May 7, 1865, in what is now Glassport, Allegheny County, Pa., and is the son of John Wilkinson, who was a coal mine superintendent.

George T. Wilkinson was reared in Allegheny County, Pa., where he learned the butcher's trade, and in the fall of 1897 went to Seattle, Wash., with the intention of sailing for the gold fields of Alaska. Upon reaching that city he was informed that it was a waste of time to make the trip there during the winter months and returned to California, Pa., having about abandoned the idea altogether, but his uncle, Charles Phillips, and Henry B. Hays, both of Glassport, Pa., persuaded him to make the trip with them. After spending one year in Alaska he returned to California, Pa., about financially even on the trip. In 1900 in partnership with W. A. Roberts, Mr.

Wilkinson purchased the meat market conducted by Harry Mills and carried on the business under the firm name of Wilkinson & Roberts until 1908, when they joined Mr. Mills in organizing the California Provision Company; in addition to their plant at Philipsburg, Pa., this company operates three retail markets, one in California, one in Philipsburg, and one in Daisytown, the latter being located near the Jones & Laughlin Works. Mr. Mills is president of the California Provision Company, of which our subject is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Wilkinson was first married to Hannah Aston, who died leaving one child, Gertrude, and he subsequently married Nannie South, a daughter of Enoch South of Greene County, Pa. Mr. Wilkinson is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. and the Royal Arcanum.

WILLIAM A. LOCKHART,\* who occupies the important position of division superintendent of the Pittsburg Coal Company, has been a resident of Honston, Pa., for the past ten years and he has under his supervision Midland Mines Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and also the Alison Mine, employing in all 1,000 men. Mr. Lockhart was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, at Hickory, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Kelso and Margaret M. (Savage) Lockhart.

The parents of Mr. Lockhart, who were also both natives of Washington County, died in their home near McDonald. They had three children, two sons and one daughter. Of these William A. was the eldest. George resides at Washington, while Agnes died young.

William A. Lockhart attended the public schools until old enough to enter the coal mines and his training in this line was very thorough. He worked with Mr. Saulters for twenty-two years, at Willow Grove and Brier Hill, and became outside foreman. In 1900 he came to Houston to assume the duties of his present responsible position, an experience of forty years making him thoroughly acquainted with every department of this industry. The Midland and Alison mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company have a combined output of 6,600 tons daily and in the near future it will be increased. The vein of coal has an average thickness of five and one-half feet. The company owns 240 houses at Midland No. 2 and No. 3 and 150 houses at Midland No. 1, and also 150 at the Alison Mine, these all being for the use of the employees. The mines are equipped with all modern conveniences and safety devices and are situated in Chartiers Township, with shipping facilities on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Lockhart was married, first, to Miss Agnes Couch, of McDonald, Pa., and seven children were born to them, namely: Veronica, who is the wife of Thomas Purdy, of Washington County; Margaret Ann, who is deceased; Sarah, who is the wife of George Clark, an oil operator in West Virginia; Anna, who is the wife of William

Nolder, who is engaged in the oil business in Ohio; William, employed in the county clerk's office at Washington, who married Maud Forester; Blanche, now deceased, who was the wife of Delemont Phillips; and Mary, who resides at McDonald. Mr. Lockhart married, secondly, Miss Carrie Crawford and they have two daughters, Caroline and Violet, both of whom live at home. Mr. Lockhart is a Republican. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge at McDonald and to the higher branches at Pittsburg.

J. M. FLEMING,\* who conducts a plumbing, gas fitting and heating business at Charleroi, Washington County, Pa., has been a resident of this place since the fall of 1894. He was born near Saxonburg, Butler County, Pa., May 12, 1871, and is a son of G. S. and Mary (Moore) Fleming.

Joe M. Fleming was reared to the age of eighteen years on his father's farm, which he then left in order to learn the plumbing and gas fitting trade, for which purpose he went to Allegheny and entered the employ of D. Hastings. He was so apt a pupil and learned to be so thorough in his workmanship that Mr. Hastings made him his manager at Charleroi. He served in that position for four years and in that way became well acquainted with the citizens and they came to have confidence in his skill. In 1898 he bought Mr. Hastings' business and carries on his shop on the site of the one in which Mr. Hastings began business. He understands all systems of heating and every possible problem that could come up in plumbing and gas fitting. There is a large amount of legitimate profit in this business and each year as buildings are erected on a more and more elaborate scale, there arises more and more demand for a competent, reliable and honest plumber. Mr. Fleming also conducts a branch store at Donora, Washington County.

Mr. Fleming married Miss Della McFeely, a daughter of W. S. McFeely. She was born and reared in Washington County. They have two daughters: Helen and Grace. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Elks.

LUCIAN TROY CLAYBAUGH,\* who has been a resident and postmaster of Donora, Pa., since the organization of that borough in 1900, was born February 3, 1856, in Ironton, Ohio, and is a son of Moses B. and Rebecca (Troy) Claybaugh.

Moses Claybaugh was born in western Pennsylvania, where his father, Michael Claybaugh, a native of Germany, settled at an early period. Michael was a blacksmith by trade, as were also his five sons. Moses learned the blacksmith's trade when a young man, and with the exception of a few years spent in Ohio, always lived in western Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and died in 1864, while on his way home from the

war. He married Rebecca Troy, who died in 1900, and to them were born three children—Loretta, died aged ten years, in Ohio; Lucian Troy, the subject of this sketch; and Eva, who is the wife of John F. Furlong.

Lucian T. Claybaugh was seven years of age when his parents removed from Ironton, Ohio to California, Pa., where he was reared and learned the carpenter's and builder's trade. He began working at his trade when fifteen years of age, and so continued for a period of thirty years at California and vicinity. Mr. Claybaugh is a Republican in politics, and has been postmaster of Donora, since 1900, when the town was organized. He served as a member of the Council at California, Pa., and has served as a member of the Donora school board twice, having served on the first school board of that borough. He is fraternally a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Claybaugh was united in marriage in California, Pa., with Anna Coatsworth, a daughter of Joseph Coatsworth, and they have reared five children, namely: John W., a resident of Denver, Col., who married Mary Duffy; Eva, who married Fred C. Van Pelt, assistant postmaster of Donora, and has one child, Virginia; Ruth, who married John A. Byers, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Donora; Lucian T., Jr., and Beryl.

ADRIEN DUSSERE,\* who is a successful farmer in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., owns 144½ acres of excellent land, about 130 acres of it being tillable. Mr. Dussere was born in France, October 13, 1853. His father's name was Jean and his parents never came to America.

Adrien Dussere went to school until he was old enough to enter the coal mines in his province, that being the occupation of many people in the region where he was reared. He worked as a coal miner in his own land until coming to America, in September, 1885. He settled in McDonald, Pa., working for seven years in the mines at that place, and for three years more at Sturgeon, and then left that dangerous work forever. Through his industry and good management he had accumulated enough capital to invest in farming land and bought his tract of almost 145 acres in Jefferson Township, on which he has resided ever since, this property formerly belonging to W. E. Steen. Mr. Dussere has made improvements and built several of the farm structures now standing. He keeps cows for butter purposes, raises stock for his own use, and devotes special attention to sheep, keeping about seventy-five head on the farm over winter. He may find his property rich in coal, oil and gas but has never tested for either nor leased his probable coal deposits. He has proved himself an excellent business man and as a neighbor is respected and esteemed.

Mr. Dussere was married in France, October 15, 1882,

to Rosine Roqueplot, who also, when she came to America, left her parents in their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Dussere have four children: Louise, who married Amiel Robert, lives at Donora, Pa., and has one son, Amiel; and Adrien M., Rosa and Louis, all of whom reside at home. The family belongs to the Roman Catholic Church at McDonald. Mr. Dussere is a citizen and casts his vote with the Republican party.

JOHN W. CARROLL,\* a druggist and one of the leading business citizens of Charleroi, Pa., who has been a resident here since 1904, was born March 17, 1872, at Boston, Mass., and is a son of James and Celia (Heron) Carroll, the former of whom was a tailor by trade.

John W. Carroll was an infant when his parents removed to Philadelphia, but was reared at Parker's Landing, Armstrong County, Pa., where they located in 1877. He subsequently went to Kane, McKean County, Pa., where he spent five years learning the bottle blowing trade, after which he spent one year at Marion, Ind., and two years at McDonald, where he was also engaged in glass blowing. In 1904 he came to Charleroi, where he has since been engaged in conducting a drug store, locating first at No. 621 Fallowfield avenue. In that year he erected a fine two story brick business block on Fallowfield avenue, and where he since has been located, having established a lucrative trade.

In 1904 Mr. Carroll was united in marriage with Mary E. Ramsey, a native of Parkers Landing, and a daughter of Harvey Ramsey, of Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Carroll is a member of the St. Jerome Catholic Church, and of the Knights of Columbus.

GUY HART,\* oil producer, who has been a continuous resident of Washington since 1886, owns property here and takes an active interest in public matters, has been successfully engaged in oil producing for some years. Mr. Hart was born in Armstrong County, Pa., and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Robertson) Hart.

The parents of Mr. Hart were both born in Scotland. They both survive and reside with their son Guy, in Washington, having reached advanced age.

Guy Hart was reared and educated in Armstrong County and from youth has been more or less connected with the oil industry. He started first in the Butler field, and then came to the Washington oil territory and has been a heavy producer. At present, in association with his brother, Thomas Hart, he has twenty-two paying wells in Washington County. His fine residence at No. 90 Allison avenue, he built since coming to Washington, and resides there with his aged parents.

CHARLES H. SMITH,\* a well known business man of Donora, Pa., who is engaged in roofing and cornice

building, was born April 14, 1872, on his father's farm in Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Winfield and Anna (Croft) Smith.

Winfield Smith was born and reared on a farm near Beallsville, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of Henry Smith, a pioneer of Washington County, who died shortly after the close of the Civil War. Winfield Smith was one of a family of seven children born to his parents, namely: John, who died in the army; Taylor, also deceased; Winfield, our subject; Oliver; Josephine, deceased; Olive, deceased; and Mary, deceased. Winfield Smith married Anna Croft, a daughter of Henry Croft, and they now reside at Belleville, Pa. They had children as follows: Charles Henry; Ella, who is the wife of Charles Odbert; Harry; Nora, who is the wife of Gus Joker; Verne; Frank, deceased; Walter, Earnest, William, Estelle, Edna and Ray.

Charles H. Smith spent his early boyhood days on his father's farm, and when about fourteen years of age went to Washington, Pa., where he finished learning his trade as a sheet metal worker. He spent thirteen years in the employ of I. J. Dickson, after whose death he engaged in business for himself on Wheeling street, Washington, Pa., where he continued for four years, on March 5, 1903, coming to Donora, where he first rented a shop on Third street. He subsequently erected a two-story business block on McKean avenue just opposite the post-office, where his shop has since been located. Mr. Smith has established an extensive business throughout various cities of the Monongahela Valley, including Charleroi, Monongahela City, Monessen, Bentleyville, and other towns.

Mr. Smith was married in April, 1899, to Anna McGill, and they have one daughter, Edith. He is a Republican in politics, and is fraternally affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, the German Beneficial Union, the Protective Home Circle, the I. O. O. F. and the F. O. E.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, clerk of the county court of Washington County, Pa., an efficient, popular and obliging public officer, has been a resident of Washington County since 1876, but his birth took place in Blair County, April 9, 1864. His parents were William D. and Cecelia (Jones) Williams, the former of whom died March 29, 1905. The family is of Welsh extraction.

David L. Williams was educated in the public schools of both Blair and Washington Counties. He has been engaged in several lines of business, following coal mining for a time and newspaper work for a certain period. He early identified himself with the Republican party and in 1906 was first elected to his present office and is serving in his second term. The office of county clerk is one that brings the incumbent in close touch

with people from all over the county and Mr. Williams has shown himself possessed of the ability, inclination and courtesy that makes a visit worth while and accelerates the transaction of business.

Mr. Williams married Miss Elizabeth Thompson and they have a very pleasant home which is situated at McDonald, Pa. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Williams is a representative citizen and is largely a self-made man.

ADDISON L. DALLY,\* agent for the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, at Midway, Pa., was born at Wheeling, W. Va., February 17, 1883, and is a son of Christopher Zug and Charlotte Elizabeth (Lineberger) Dally.

For twenty-two years the father of Mr. Dally has been in the employ of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company. He has been twice married, the first wife (mother of Addison L.) dying in 1885. Her burial was at Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Dally was married secondly in 1892, to Sarah McGee, and five children have been born to them, namely: Rebecca, in 1894; James C., in 1895; Christopher Z., Jr., in 1897; Harold B., in 1901; and Richard, in 1905.

Addison L. Dally completed the high school course and a commercial course at the Wheeling Business College, and then entered the employ of the Wheeling Gas Company, continuing after it was merged with the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company. He has been with this company just one-half as long as his father and they both are numbered with the most faithful and efficient of the great army of employees.

On August 25, 1909, Mr. Dally was married to Miss Stella B. Barbour, a daughter of T. E. and Anna (Francis) Barbour, residents of Martin's Ferry, Ohio. Mr. Barbour is a veteran of the Civil War. Mrs. Dally is a member of the following family of children: Etta; Ada; Lena, who is the wife of William Brand, and has one child, Donald; Gertrude, who is the wife of A. G. Henry, and has two children—Chester and Maud; and Stella B. and Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Dally attend the Presbyterian Church. Like his father, he is a Republican. Fraternally he is identified with Midway Lodge, No. 509, Knights of Pythias, of which he is master at arms.

R. N. EWING,\* who is owner and proprietor of a blacksmith shop at Hanlin Station, Washington County, where he is doing a thriving business, was born at Frankfort Springs, Beaver County, Pa., September 1, 1880. His parents, John S. and Mary Ann Ewing, reared a family of five sons and one daughter.

Mr. Ewing attended the public schools of Frankfort Springs until old enough to learn a self-supporting trade, when he entered the employ of William Dewitt and served





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under him until he became a competent blacksmith and general repair man. From there he went to Pittsburg, where he worked for eleven years, then was employed by David Boyd at Crothers, Pa., with whom he remained until he established his own business at Hanlin Station, December 14, 1908.

On September 24, 1907, Mr. Ewing was married to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Haley, a daughter of Peter Haley, of Cliff Mine, Allegheny County, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are members of the Presbyterian Church at Hanlin Station. He is identified with Lodge No. 320, Knights of Pythias, at Carnegie, and the lodge of Odd Fellows at Imperial, Pa. He votes the Republican ticket.

GEORGE H. FREEBY,\* who conducts a real estate brokerage business at Canonsburg, Pa., was born March 6, 1859, in this city, and is a son of John and Sarah B. (Neill) Freeby. The grandparents were natives of Germany and they were early settlers in Washington County, where Grandfather Freeby died aged seventy-two years.

John Freeby, father of George H., was born at Washington, Pa., and died at Canonsburg in 1859, at the age of forty-seven years. He was a tailor by trade. He married Sarah B. Neill, who died at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1889, aged sixty-five years. She was a daughter of Reynolds Christopher Neill whose father came from Ireland and settled at Canonsburg in 1790, being a pioneer merchant there. He retired in 1830 and died in 1842.

George H. Freeby was the only child born to his parents. In boyhood he attended the McClelland School, in District No. 5, North Strabane Township, in the old house on the hill and later had better opportunities in the new building. He grew to the age of seventeen years on the old Neill farm south of Canonsburg, which has been known by that name since 1833. He was of a mechanical turn of mind and hence left the farm and went to Washington, where he entered the employ of Harp & Wilson to learn the trade of carriage builder, working at that and other places. In 1885 he went to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was a clerk in the freight department of the Wabash Railroad until 1902, when he returned to Canonsburg and here entered into the real estate business. He deals especially in coal lands and limestone and sand properties and does a thriving business.

Mr. Freeby was married in 1884, to Miss Agnes L. Patterson, of near Eighty-four, Washington County, a daughter of David Patterson, the latter of whom is now engaged in farming near Barnesville, Ohio. Mrs. Freeby died in June, 1900, their one child, John G., having lived but four years. Mr. Freeby married for his second wife, Miss Ella Belle Jamison, a daughter of Obed E. Jamison, of Hoagland, Ind., the wedding ceremony taking

place there June 25, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Freeby are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Canonsburg Lodge, No. 204, of Canonsburg, Knights of Pythias. In politics, he votes independently. He is a well known, reliable and representative citizen of Canonsburg.

WILLIAM H. CALVERT,\* proprietor of the Charleroi Bottling Works, and manufacturer of all kinds of soft drinks, also bottles the Bowling Green and the Cambridge Springs mineral waters, and is identified with the Brownsville and the Duquesne breweries. Mr. Calvert was born October 20, 1864, in Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., and is a son of Enoch and Martha (Roland) Calvert, the former of whom was a ship builder by trade.

William H. Calvert was reared and educated in Brownsville, Pa., where he subsequently entered the employ of Fred Robinson, with whom he remained three years. He then purchased the business from Mr. Robinson and continued as manager of same for some time before disposing of it. In 1891, Mr. Calvert came to Charleroi, where he has since been successfully engaged in operating the Charleroi Bottling Works, manufacturing soft drinks, bottling mineral waters from the springs at Bowling Green and Cambridge Springs, two or three delivery wagons being required on the route during the summer months, while but one is run during the winter. Mr. Calvert is serving his second term as a member of the Charleroi Council, and is, fraternally, a member of the Elks, and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Calvert was joined in marriage with Anna McKean, who is a daughter of Samuel McKean, and of their union have been born three children: Jean, Enoch Arden and Alice.

WILLIAM SCOTT,\* a retired farmer of Jefferson Township, who continues to reside on his valuable estate containing 120 acres of excellent land, was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., March 2, 1830, and is a son of Charles and Margaret (Cassidy) Scott.

Charles Scott, father of William, was born in Ireland, and was quite young when he was brought to America by his parents, John and Fanny Scott. They settled on the farm in Jefferson Township, which is now owned by W. S. Cunningham. After their death Charles Scott bought the farm on which his son William was subsequently born, which was a valuable property containing 255 acres, in two tracts. He married Margaret Cassidy, a daughter of John and Jane Cassidy, and they had eleven children, namely: Fannie, J. F., William, Cassidy, Robert, James, Jefferson, Charles W., Jane Ann, George and David. Charles Scott and wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he was a

ruling elder. Early in life he was a Whig but later identified himself with the Republican party.

William Scott obtained his education in the common schools of Jefferson Township, attending mostly in the winter seasons after he was old enough to be useful on the farm. Subsequently he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company K, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and during his period of army service, which lasted two years and ten months, he escaped both capture and wounds. He returned to the old homestead and resumed farming and in 1868 was married. For one more year he lived on the home farm and then operated the White farm for three years, the Walker farm for two years, then engaged in farming for about five years in Virginia and then bought his present farm in Jefferson Township. Originally it contained forty-seven acres more, but as the latter was rich coal land he sold it and has no coal bank open at present. The place needed many repairs, and all the substantial buildings now in evidence, except the comfortable brick residence, were erected by Mr. Scott. He has taken no very active part in operating the farm since 1904, on account of rather poor health.

On March 4, 1868, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Rachel D. Headington, a daughter of John Headington. They have no children. Mr. Scott gives his political support to the Republican party.

LEWIS GILLINGHAM TOMER,\* who is the owner of the Union Pharmacy, which is located in the First National Bank building at Donora, Pa., is one of the prominent business men of this borough, and was born September 26, 1877, at Webster, Pa., son of Jacob and Harriet (Gillingham) Tomer.

Jacob Tomer was born and reared at Pittsburg, where previous to the Civil War he conducted a drug store for several years. During the war he served three years as hospital steward, and was mustered out at Gettysburg, after which he located at Webster, Pa., where he served several years as justice of the peace. He was the owner of several tracts of coal lands, and river boats, and later in partnership with Mr. McKinley established the Tomer & McKinley Coal Company. Some years later, after disposing of his interests in this business, he retired to his farm in Westmoreland County, where he resided until his death, at the age of about seventy years. His marriage with Harriet Gillingham, who died in 1906, resulted in the following issue: Amelia, who is the wife of Dr. W. H. Lewis, of Donora, Pa.; Jacob, who resides on the home farm; Lewis G., the subject of this sketch; Ella, who is the wife of H. P. Castner, of Donora; Laura V., who lives in Donora; and Mary J., also a resident of Donora.

Lewis G. Tomer was reared on the farm near Webster and after obtaining an elementary education in the com-

mon schools of that place, entered the pharmaceutical department of the Ohio Normal University at Ada, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then located at Donora, where, in partnership with J. P. Castner and J. S. Culbert, he opened a drug store in a small room on Mellon avenue. He later moved to the present location of the Indiana Hotel and while there Mr. Castner disposed of his interests to our subject and Mr. Culbert. In 1903 Mr. Tomer purchased Mr. Culbert's interest in the business, and has since been located in the First National Bank building, where he has carried on the business alone and has been highly successful. Mr. Tomer holds membership with the Masons and the B. P. O. E. He is religiously identified with the Presbyterian Church, and politically is interested in the success of the Republican party.

ROBERT ARTHUR,\* proprietor of the Arthur Boiler Works, with plant at No. 69 Washington street, near Chestnut, has an experience in his line of business covering a period of thirty-two years. He was born at Toronto, Canada, in 1866.

Mr. Arthur obtained his schooling in his native city and there started to learn his trade, completing it after he came to Pennsylvania. Mr. Arthur has been a resident of Washington for about eighteen years and for a number of years he was foreman in the Ryan Boiler Works. Recently he leased his present quarters, put them in first-class shape and does all kinds of repair work. He also owns a half interest in the Alvin Restaurant.

Mr. Arthur married Miss Anna Elizabeth Amsler and they have seven children. With his family he belongs to the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Maccabees. He is a well known and respected citizen.

R. KIRK RICHARDSON,\* a representative business man of California, Pa., junior member of the real estate and insurance firm of Myers & Richardson, was born at Bentleyville, Washington County, Pa., December 26, 1873, and is a son of William Mortimer and Ella (Newkirk) Richardson.

The Richardson and Newkirk families are old and prominent ones in this section of Washington County. The father of Mr. Richardson, whose death occurred in 1905, was widely known as a hotel man. He conducted a hotel at Bentleyville from 1878 for several years; and at Coal Center from 1893 until 1896, when he came to California, and operated the Arlington Hotel for some years. His widow survives.

R. Kirk Richardson attended the local schools during his boyhood and spent one year in the California Normal School, following which he entered Mt. Union College, at Alliance, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1893.





THOMAS FERGUS

For five years afterward he was identified with various newspapers, including the "Observer," at Washington, and the "Mirror," at Charlevoix, having an interest in the latter journal. He then came to California to assist his father in the hotel business, the health of the latter beginning to fail. He soon was recognized as a man of ability and enterprise and in 1900 was elected chief burgess of the borough and served until 1903. Prior to 1905, when Mr. Myers and Mr. Richardson formed their present partnership, they had been associated in other business enterprises, and their connection is one of personal regard as well as business. The firm of Myers & Richardson succeeded that of Mitchell & Myers, Mr. Mitchell retiring in 1905. A large business is done by this firm and both men are valued citizens. They are Republicans in their political views and at present Mr. Myers is a member of the Council and Mr. Richardson is borough clerk. The latter was connected with the Pennsylvania State exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Harriet Geho, a daughter of Samuel M. Geho, of Coal Center, Pa. She is a graduate of the California Normal School and prior to her marriage was a popular teacher at California and also at Coal Center. They have one daughter, Harriet Eleanor. They are leading members of one of the pleasant social circles of this cultured little borough.

THE FERGUS FAMILY, one of the old and honorable families of Pennsylvania, is of Scotch extraction. Samuel Fergus was born in Scotland and after reaching America, came to Adams County with his family of four children. He married Mary Paxton and they had the following children born to them: Hugh, who was married first to Martha Gilfillan, and secondly to Nancy Callumary; Mary, who married Andrew Hart, of Somerset Township, Washington County, and afterward lived at Canonsburg; Margaret, who married Thomas Maxwell, of Finley Township, Washington County; John P., who married Maria Hart, a daughter of David Hart; Martha, who died when young; Thomas, who married Elizabeth Roberts, a daughter of Dickinson Roberts, who was once county surveyor and sheriff of Washington County; and Sarah, who married Hugh Fergus.

Samuel Fergus located on a farm one mile distant from the present Fergus family farm in South Strabane Township, taking up 150 acres of land. He was a Whig in politics. He was identified with the Seceder Church. Both he and wife were buried in Oak Grove Cemetery at Canonsburg.

Thomas Fergus was born in South Strabane Township, Washington County, November 4, 1802. He received a district school education and before his marriage taught singing school. He was married to Eliz-

abeth Roberts, May 31, 1831, and they had the following children: John, born April 17, 1832, who married Nancy Jane Doak, died in 1906; Mary Ann, born September 24, 1833; Susan, born October 18, 1835, who died December 11, 1843, and was buried in the old Dutch Cemetery at Washington; Hannah, born November 18, 1837, who died May 23, 1904; Maria, who was born March 24, 1839; Isabel, born March 5, 1841, who was married January 7, 1885, to Robert G. Mowery, who died March 3, 1906, and was buried at Washington; Samuel P., born August 17, 1843, who died June 8, 1900; Addison R., born March 31, 1846, who was a clerk in a drug store at Washington; and Sarah M., who was born September 26, 1849.

Samuel P. Fergus, above mentioned, enlisted during the Civil War in Co. C, 140th Pa. Inf., was wounded at Gettysburg and taken to a hospital at Philadelphia. While in that city he attended a military school, and when he was able for service was appointed first lieutenant of Co. C, 27th Reg., U. S. C. troops, and sent to North Carolina. His regiment was the first to enter Fort Fisher when it was captured. He remained in the army until the close of the war. He was married first to Mary Patterson, who died at the same time as did their only child, Anna, and mother and babe were buried together. He afterwards married Margaret L. Weir.

Thomas Fergus operated a tannery before his marriage. In 1839 he moved to the present farm, of fifty-two acres, which then contained about eighty acres, twenty-three acres having since been sold. He engaged in general farming and sheep raising, frequently having 500 head. The coal on the land has been sold, but there are three good oil wells in operation. Mr. Fergus was a Republican for many years of his life and he was frequently called upon to serve in township offices, being auditor, supervisor and school director at different times. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Pidgeon Creek and his wife belonged to the United Brethren Church. His death occurred April 16, 1894, and his burial was in the Washington Cemetery. He had survived his wife for many years, her death taking place April 28, 1851.

FLORIMON LAWRENCE DESCUTNER,\* a representative business man of McDonald Borough, who is senior member of Descutner Brothers, doing business as the McDonald Tea Company, at No. 125 East Lincoln avenue, was born in Belgium, July 11, 1875, and is a son of Pierre Joseph and Catherine Descutner.

The parents of Mr. Descutner were natives of Belgium, and on coming to this country settled in McDonald Borough, Washington County, Pa., where the mother still survives, the father having passed away in 1906. He was a director of mines in his native country, and fol-

lowed that occupation at McDonald. He and his wife were the parents of children as follows: Myria, the wife of Leander Thibaut; Sebastian; Emma, the wife of J. B. Masquelier; Florimon Lawrence; P. E.; Zephiriene, the wife of Jules Hainaut; E. F.; J. E.; Artemisia and Harry.

Florimon L. Descutner accompanied his parents to this country as a lad, and his education was secured in the common and high schools of McDonald. His first employment was in the mines at McDonald, where he worked for about five years, and he then began clerking at the Bazaar store. In August, 1898, he decided to go into business on his own account, and with his brothers, P. E. and E. F. Descutner, he purchased a one-room building for \$25 and moved it to the center of the town, where a business was established on a very small scale, as the McDonald Tea Company. This business has since expanded until it now includes a full line of all kinds of household supplies, and necessitates the use of six horses in making deliveries. Florimon L. Descutner is the manager of the business, and has proved himself an able business man, although all three brothers are known to possess more than average commercial ability. Their trade has extended rapidly and still continues to branch further out into the surrounding country as the quality of the firm's goods and their honest methods of doing business become more widely known.

In April, 1897, Mr. Descutner was married to Lily Masquelier, also a native of Belgium. Mrs. Descutner has five brothers, namely: Eli, Zachariah, Julian, J. B., a contractor and shoe merchant of McDonald, and Jules. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Descutner: Eva, Raymond and Rena. In political matters Mr. Descutner is a Republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 30, at McDonald. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM WARD INSLEY, M.D.,\* a prominent homeopathic physician of Donora, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in this borough since August, 1901, was born March 21, 1875, at Pittsburg, Pa., and is a son of John C. and Margaret (Frederick) Insley.

John C. Insley was born in England and when a boy came to America, locating at Pittsburg, where he found work in the glass works, later becoming a manufacturer of glass. He is now at the head of the Crescent Brewing Company of Pittsburg. He married Margaret Frederick, who was born in Pittsburg, and comes of one of the old southside families of that city. Of their union were born three children: Anna; John N.; and William Ward, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. William W. Insley was reared in Pittsburg, where he attended the public schools and also the high school,

from which he was graduated in 1894. He then entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, but at the end of the second term enlisted in Co. C, 10th Pa. Vol. Inf., of Uniontown, Pa. He was stationed at Manila and served until the close of the war, when he returned to Pittsburg. He then re-entered the medical college at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1901. In August of that year he came to Donora and embarked in the practice of medicine on Fifth street. In 1904 he removed to the corner of Seventh and Thompson streets, where his office and residence are now both located. Dr. Insley also conducts a garage on the corner of Meldon and Seventh streets. He is a member of the Homeopathic State Medical Society, and is fraternally affiliated with the F. and A. M., No. 626, the German Beneficial Union, and the I. O. O. F. He is a member of the board of health of Donora, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party.

In March, 1900, Dr. Insley married Nayoda Raymond McClintock, a native of Indiana, who was reared in Tennessee, and of their union have been born two children, William W., Jr.; and Loretta N.

GEORGE L. SUTHERLAND,\* who devotes his 205 acres of valuable land to general farming and sheep raising, is one of the leading citizens of Jefferson Township. He was born in Independence Township, Washington County, Pa., March 9, 1864, and is a son of John W. and Ellen (Virtue) Sutherland.

The parents of Mr. Sutherland are both deceased, the mother dying in February, 1869, and her burial being at Cross Creek Cemetery. The father died in October, 1903, and was buried in Bethel Cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John W. Sutherland voted with the Democratic party.

George L. Sutherland was reared in a quiet, well ordered home, went to school at the Miller schoolhouse in Jefferson Township as long as his father could spare him, and after that went to farming and has been engaged in agriculture ever since. In 1903 he purchased his farm in Jefferson Township, on which he has made some substantial improvements. It is excellent land, probably underveined with coal, none of which has been sold, and Mr. Sutherland has one gas well. He has given a great deal of intelligent attention to growing sheep, keeping as many as 600 head and raising from seventy-five to 100 head a year.

On February 22, 1888, Mr. Sutherland was married to Miss Diana Foster, a daughter of William and Mary (Hornbeck) Foster, and they have had eight children, namely: Myrtle, who is a popular teacher in Jefferson Township; Leolard, who is deceased; Glenn F., who is attending school at Hickory; Hazel Marie and George Roy, both of whom go to school; Esther V., at home; John William,



who is deceased; and an infant, who, at the present writing, is unnamed. Mr. Sutherland is a careful and interested father and is giving his children every advantage in his power. The family belong to Bethel Church, in which he is a trustee and steward and also superintendent of the Sunday school. It is easy to see that Mr. Sutherland believes in the power of example. He also is an advocate of strict temperance and votes with the Prohibition party. He is serving most efficiently in the office of road supervisor. For a number of years he has been a member of the grange at Avelia, Pa.

JAMES M. DAVIDSON,\* a prominent citizen of Midway, where he has substantial interests, conducts a large general store and also, being a carpenter by trade, does considerable contracting. He was born in Washington County, Pa., April 23, 1863, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Trimmer) Davidson, both of whom are deceased, their remains resting in the Center Cemetery. The parents of Mr. Davidson had the following children born to them: Mary, who married Jesse Bebout; Phoebe, who married Daniel Johnston; Martha, who married David Trimmer; Sadie, who is the widow of James Brabson; Paul, and James M.

James M. Davidson attended school until he was about seventeen years of age and then, until he was twenty-one, he worked on a farm, after that learning the carpenter's trade. He spent the larger portion of his time until 1908, working as carpenter and contractor and then built his fine storeroom and embarked in the general merchandise business. He carries a well selected stock and enjoys a quiet, safe trade, many of his patrons being families of long years of acquaintance, and others those who appreciate fair and honest dealing.

Mr. Davidson was married April 10, 1886, to Miss Lilly Gibson, a daughter of James and Martha Gibson, who came to Washington County from Canada, and whose family included Robert, James, Frank, Bert, Allie and Lilly. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson's children are: Seymour, Samuel, Mattie, Robert, Cora, Myrtle, Phebe, Lillian, Wilbert and William (twins), and Cyrauns. The family belong to the Baptist Church. In his views on public questions Mr. Davidson is a Prohibitionist and feels much encouraged at the great advances made in the past few years in all sections of the country in temperance legislation and public sentiment.

S. C. CUNNINGHAM,\* one of Jefferson Township's representative men and enterprising, successful and substantial farmers and stock raisers, resides on the old Cunningham homestead in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., where he was born November 24, 1862. His parents were Francis and Sarah Ann (Bird) Cunningham.

Francis Cunningham was also born and reared in Washington County, and in 1852 settled on the homestead which lies partly in Jefferson and partly in Cross Creek Townships. He cleared a portion of the land and followed a general line of agriculture during his active life. In politics he was a Democrat and was a man of enough prominence to be elected school director and also road supervisor in Cross Creek Township. He was a worthy member of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred August 27, 1895. He married Sarah Ann Bird and they had eight children, the three survivors being: Mary A., who married J. S. McClurg; David A., and S. C. Those deceased were: John, William, Sarah Jane, James B. and an unnamed babe. The mother of this family survived until September 15, 1891, and her burial was in the Bethel Cemetery.

S. C. Cunningham attended the White Oak District School in Cross Creek Township and then gave his father assistance on the farm at home, until his marriage, after which he still lived there for one year and then moved to another farm on which he resided for seven years. In the fall of 1895, after his father's death, he returned to the homestead, having a one-third interest in this farm of 210 acres and owning a farm of 273 acres. In all he operates more than 500 acres. He has done improving, repairing and building and has everything convenient about him. He gives considerable attention to his blood-ed stock, his Shorthorn cattle and his sheep, keeping about ninety head of the latter.

In November, 1887, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Rettie M. Sutherland, who died in May, 1902. Her father was John Sutherland, a well known citizen. She is survived by five children—Earl Leroy, Edie Frances, Willa Rae, Anna Viola and Stephen Claire. In March, 1906, Mr. Cunningham was married, secondly, to Miss Anna Margaret Anderson, a daughter of John and Margaret Anderson.

Mr. Cunningham is a Democrat. He has frequently been elected to important township offices, serving as road supervisor in Jefferson Township, as school director in Cross Creek Township, and at present is township supervisor. He is a director in the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown and he belongs to the grange, at Avelia. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham attend Bethel Church.

J. C. SUTHERLAND, a representative business man of Washington, is a leading factor in Republican politics of Washington County. He was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1878, and is a son of James, a grandson of Isaac, and a great-grandson of George Sutherland, all of whom have been identified with this particular section of Pennsylvania. George Sutherland, who came to America from Scotland, settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania,

in the year 1786, and engaged in farming. His son, Isaac Sutherland, was born in West Finley Township, but early in life took up the trade of wagon making, and was married at Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania, where his son, James Sutherland, was born on August 13, 1831, and now lives retired at Washington.

During his active years he was a contracting plasterer and carried on that business for fifty years, while living on a farm. He married Mary Hutchison, who was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1840, and died March 9, 1897. She was a daughter of Thomas Hutchison, who was born near Claysville, Washington County, and who was a prominent farmer and stockraiser. The Hutchisons came to Washington County in 1790. To James and Mary Sutherland five children were born, namely: Annie I., who is the wife of John I. Giles, a contractor, residing at Washington; Thomas H., who is in the real estate and insurance business at Washington; Isaac A., who continues to live on the old homestead in West Finley Township; and Margaret M. and J. C., both of whom reside in Washington, this county.

J. C. Sutherland was reared in West Finley Township, being graduated creditably from the public schools. He then entered Jefferson Academy, at Canonsburg, later attended Mercer Academy, in Mercer County, and then taught six years in the public schools of Washington County. Mr. Sutherland then spent three years in the Northwest, visiting in his travels forty-one of the forty-six states of the Union. For four years he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Washington. From early manhood he has taken an active interest in public affairs, especially in Washington County, where he has been an active Republican. At the general election in November, 1909, he was elected to the office of Recorder of Deeds for Washington County, being the youngest man ever chosen to serve the people of the county in that capacity.

On May 23, 1906, Mr. Sutherland was married to Miss Essie L. Smith, a daughter of J. B. Smith, of West Middletown, who came to Washington County from Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland have one daughter, Ruth. The family attend the Second United Presbyterian Church at Washington.

HON. DAVID M. CAMPSEY, a representative and successful business man and financier of Claysville, Pa., who is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, has been a resident of Washington County throughout his entire life, and has lived at Claysville since 1869. He was born in Donegal Township, October 13, 1843, and is a son of James and Susanna (McMillan) Campsey.

James Campsey, father of David M., died April 4,

1883, having spent his life in Donegal Township. His father, James Campsey, was born in Ireland and came to Donegal Township among its earliest settlers. He acquired, cleared and cultivated land and his son did likewise. The mother of David M. Campsey was born in Ireland. But two of the sons of the family survive: James D. and David M.

David M. Campsey was reared in Donegal Township and in boyhood attended the public schools and later the Excelsior Normal Institute at Carversville, in Bucks County. It was while he was a student there that he enlisted in a militia company, July 2, 1863, which became a part of the 45th Pa. Vol. Inf., and served until the following September, when he was honorably discharged. He then began to teach school and continued for twenty-two months, which brought him to September 17, 1870, when he started into a general mercantile business at Claysville. He developed exceptional business qualities and was very successful and continued as a merchant until 1881, in which year he sold out his interests, but retained the hardware store at Claysville and also a branch store at West Alexander, which he sold a few years later. The only mercantile training he had enjoyed was a short season spent with the great New York firm of Lord & Taylor. For more than forty years Mr. Campsey has been dealing in wool and since 1894, has dealt in field seeds. He has been the promoter and to some degree the financier of large business interests at Claysville. Since the organization of the First National Bank at Claysville, in 1890, he has been vice president. He served in the city Council and it was during his term that Claysville secured its system of water works and had other public utilities encouraged. On many occasions he was elected to local offices and in November, 1902, he was elected to the lower house of the Pennsylvania Legislature as a representative of Washington County. The value of his services was recognized by his constituents and he was re-elected in 1904 and during the latter part of his second term, he served as a member of the Special Session called by Governor Pennypacker. He introduced a number of valuable bills and had sufficient influence to secure the passage of a number of them which are now laws of the land. He introduced and secured the passage of the measure which made the National Pike through the State a free road and at the same time secured an appropriation of \$100,000 for the rebuilding of the bridges along its way. At the special session he had charge of the bill known as an Act regulating the building of county bridges and the letting of contracts therefor, authorizing the borrowing of money to pay for the same, and providing for the punishment of persons who combine or conspire to stifle competition in bidding.



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He has always been identified with the Republican party and his friends are men of high standing in the State.

Mr. Campsey was married to Miss Adda G. Kennedy, of West Alexander, Pa., and of their seven children, three survive, namely: George A., who is special agent for the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; Susanna J., who resides at home; and Donald M., who is a student at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. With his family Mr. Campsey belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville, in which he is an elder. He was one of the advisors and a member of the building committee which completed the erection of the new and handsome church edifice in 1883.

JAMES B. HAYWARD,\* senior member of the firm, J. B. Hayward & Son, Monongahela City, who deal extensively in flour, feed, hay, grain, etc., has been a resident of this place since 1854. He was born August 24, 1851, in England, a son of John and Sarah (Baird) Hayward.

John Hayward was born and reared at Staffordshire, Eng., where he later engaged in mining until the fall of 1854. He and his family then emigrated to the United States, and after a voyage of seven weeks and three days, during which time they were wrecked and experienced other hardships, located at Monongahela City, then known as Williamsport, Pa., where he began to work at mining, opening a mine on the old Joseph Cameron farm. He followed that occupation during the remainder of his life, his death occurring when he was seventy-six years old. He was first united in marriage in England with Sarah Baird, also a native of that country, and of their union were born the following children: Elizabeth, who was born in England, and who is the widow of John West and the mother of eighteen children; James Baird, our subject; John Southampton, who was born on the sea, and was named after the clipper "Southampton," the vessel in which the family crossed the Atlantic (he died in Williamsport at the age of six years); and four children who died in childhood. Mrs. Sarah B. Hayward died in 1858 at the age of thirty years and Mr. Hayward subsequently married Sarah Davis, of Finleyville, Pa., who is still a resident of Monongahela City. Of this union were born five children—Charles, Harry, Hannah (deceased), Effie (deceased), and one who died in infancy.

James B. Hayward was about three years old when his parents came to this country and located at Williamsport, now Monongahela City. Here he was reared and educated and has since resided. At the age of ten years he entered the mines, where he worked until 1880. He then found employment in the flour mills operated by McGrew, Parkinson & Company, who were succeeded by Archibald George & McGrew, with whom he continued until 1891,

when, in partnership with J. D. Moon, he purchased the mill from George & McGrew. They operated it successfully until 1904, when the partnership was dissolved and the mill sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. That same year Mr. Hayward established his present flour, hay, grain and feed business, subsequently taking in his son, James B. Hayward, as partner.

Mr. Hayward was married October 5, 1873, to Anna Earnest, who is a daughter of Stephen L. Earnest, one of the pioneer settlers of Monongahela City. Of this marriage there has been the following issue: Stephen, who married Mareella Calvin; Julia, who died in 1909; Elizabeth, who married Alvin Day and has one daughter, Catherine; James B., married Margaret Gettings and has three children—Gladys Virginia, Dorothy, and John Baird; Laura Jane; Rachel, who died at the age of ten years; George; and Ellen. The family reside in a comfortable home on Cole street.

Mr. Hayward is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, as are also his two sons, Stephen and James, who are also members of the B. P. O. E. and the Y. M. C. A. He is politically a Democrat, and the family hold memberships in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. S. McLEOD,\* senior member of the wholesale produce firm of McLeod & McCracken, at Washington, Pa., is one of the representative business men and useful citizens. He was born at Rixford, McKean County, Pa., in 1879, and was eleven years old when he came to Washington. His education was secured in the public schools and in Washington and Jefferson College.

After completing his college course, Mr. McLeod engaged in the jewelry business in Washington for some eight years. In 1908, in partnership with John H. McCracken, he embarked in the wholesale produce business, under the firm name of McLeod & McCracken, developing a very large business in this section. The firm stands well with the trade and individually its members are recognized as men of integrity and ability.

In 1899, Mr. McLeod was married to Miss Hortense L. Neuse, who was born and reared at Washington, Pa., and they have two children: H. W. and Edward S. Mr. McLeod is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

JAMES R. HILL,\* owner of the California Foundry and Machine Company at California, Pa., is a manufacturer of the Robinson Coal Crusher, mining supplies, and brass works, and also conducts a general repair shop, giving employment in his foundry to from fifteen to twenty men including high class mechanics, molders and pattern makers. He also employs three men on the road setting up machinery. Mr. Hill was born October 11, 1869, on a farm in Trumbull County, Pa., and is a son

of James R. and Esther (Smith) Hill, the former of whom was a shaft sinker, and a stone and excavating contractor.

James R. Hill was a lad of six years when his parents removed to Fayette City, Pa., where he was reared, attended the local schools and subsequently learned the machinist's trade at the Homestead Steel Company's machine shops at Homestead, Pa. He remained there a little over three years when he came to Allentown, Washington County, and for a number of years he had charge of all the machinery of the Vesta Coal Company. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War he enlisted for three years as a machinist in the United States Navy, and after the war was over made application for his discharge, and upon receiving same, returned to Pennsylvania. During his one year's service in the navy he served as chief machinist on three different gunboats, and was in service on the "Vixen" at the battle of Santiago. Upon his return to this state, he entered the employ of the Jones Laughlin Company of South Pittsburgh, and shortly afterward became a toolmaker at the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company. He was later made foreman of one of the departments, and served in that capacity until he came to Charleroi, Pa., and in December, 1902, established his present foundry. He operated for a time on a small scale, employing but four men, which number has been increased with the business and he now employs from fifteen to twenty high-class mechanics.

Mr. Hill was united in marriage with Leonore Cleaver, who was reared in Centerville, Pa., and is a daughter of William H. Cleaver. They have three children: Howard; William M., and Eleanor Jane. Mr. Hill is a thirty-second degree Mason.

JOHN H. THOMPSON,\* a life-long resident of Buffalo Township, was born August 5, 1860, and is a son of John and Mary (Cleland) Thompson. The old Thompson farm has been in the family for over a century, descending from father to son, John M., of the fourth generation now owning it.

Probably James Thompson, the first American ancestor of the family, came to what is now Buffalo Township, from Ireland, penetrating into what must have been a dense wilderness at that time. Here his son, James Thompson, second, was born, lived and died, leaving the property intact to John Thompson, father of John M. In 1849 John M. Thompson took part in the great eastern exodus to California and spent several years there in mining for gold, and for several years after his return he engaged in freighting between Washington and Cumberland, driving a six-horse team, and being a pioneer in that industry in this section. He became a man well known over a wide territory and was popular with those

with whom he had business relations. He engaged successfully in farming, and raised stock and sheep. When he settled down permanently on the home farm he was elected school director in Buffalo Township and was urged by his party for the office of county commissioner. Four children of John and Mary Thompson survive, namely: Samuel J., residing at Holton, Kas.; John M., on the homestead; Mary B., wife of Robert Clark, of Buffalo Township; and Romance, wife of William Lawrence, of West Virginia.

John M. Thompson, of the present generation, attended the public schools at Taylorstown, Pa. The home farm contains 160 acres and he devotes it to general farming and stock raising and also carries on a large dairy business. As a worthy representative of one of the township's oldest families, together with his sterling character as a citizen, Mr. Thompson is highly respected and esteemed by his neighbors. He has taken no active part in politics, being satisfied with the quiet, independent life of a successful American farmer.

Mr. Thompson was married in early manhood to Miss Sarah M. Donaldson, who was born in Washington County and is a daughter of Robert Donaldson, of Mt. Pleasant Township. They are members of East Buffalo Presbyterian Church. He is identified with the order of Elks at Washington.

J. C. WALKER,\* a highly respected citizen of Eldersville, now living retired from active business life, still retains his 210 acres of valuable farming land in Jefferson Township, on which he was engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. He was born in Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pa., August 4, 1842, and is a son of James and a grandson of Alexander Walker.

Alexander Walker was born in Huntington County, Pa., May 10, 1773, and came to Jefferson Township, Washington County, in 1795. On October 26, 1800, he was married to Elizabeth Norris, who was born December 8, 1778, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, John, David, James, Susana, Alexander, Mary A., David S., Isabella, Drusilla and Samuel. Alexander Walker had 225 acres of land at that time, the greater portion of it being yet covered with natural growth. He was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Cross Creek Township and was a strong Democrat and active and useful in the early adjustment of township affairs. He died September 8, 1854, and his widow in the following year and they were buried in the Cross Creek Cemetery.

James Walker obtained some book knowledge in the district schools, but his advantages were not very great. He helped his father clear the 225-acre farm and engaged extensively in raising cattle and sheep. He was a man of influence in his community, was a Republican in poli-





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ties, and served usefully as one of the county commissioners when elected to that office. For many years he was a member and also an elder in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. He married Elizabeth Graham, a daughter of John Graham, of Cross Creek Township, and they had six children: Olivia, John G., Alexander, William W., M. D., and J. C., whose name begins this article. William W. and M. D. are both deceased. After his marriage, James Walker lived on the farm which his son, J. C. Walker now owns. Here his wife died in June, 1882, and his death followed in April, 1883, and they were interred in the Cross Creek Cemetery. He was a man of ample fortune and had lived retired at Cross Creek village for fifteen years before his death.

J. C. Walker attended the country schools in Jefferson Township and then assisted his father on the home farm, which finally became his own property. He continued to reside on it until April, 1908, when he retired to Eldersville, leaving his son to manage the farm. The place is well improved, the farm house in particular being a fine building. Mr. Walker has never tested for either oil or coal and has never sold his rights.

Mr. Walker was first married in October, 1861, to Eliza Van Strand, who died October 12, 1862, leaving one daughter, Anna E., who is the wife of B. B. Stroud. On November 21, 1867, Mr. Walker married Hannah E. Caldwell, a daughter of Thomas Caldwell. She died January 26, 1875, leaving two children: Norris, born November 24, 1868; and James, born February 5, 1873. Her burial was in the Paris Cemetery. Mr. Walker was married for the third time March 22, 1878, to Bell Sutherland, of Smithfield, Ohio, who died August 23, 1907. She was buried in the Cross Creek Cemetery. Her three children all survive, namely: Mary M., born May 3, 1881, who married Jesse Dinnit; John S., born January 9, 1883, who married Lena Machett; and Bessie S., born April 19, 1884, who lives with her father. Mr. Walker is a member of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. He is not a politician, but deems it the duty of every citizen to cast his vote. He is a Republican.

WILLIAM J. SMITH, a member of the board of county commissioners of Washington County, Pa., has been a resident of Washington since 1904. He was born in 1845, in South Strabane Township, Washington County, Pa., and is a son of William and a grandson of William Smith.

Grandfather William Smith founded the family in Washington County prior to 1804, and in that year his son, William Smith, was born in Nottingham Township. The latter became a farmer and wool grower and also operated a mill at Smithville.

William J. Smith was reared on his father's farm in South Strabane Township and later acquired the property

and still retains it. He continued the industries started by his father and made them profitable. In 1902 he discontinued sheep raising. He now has a milk dairy market at Pittsburg. In 1885, in association with his brother, A. W. Smith, he built a roller flour mill in Somerset Township, which they operated one year, when William J. bought his brother's interest and continued alone until 1901, when he disposed of the property. Mr. Smith has been one of the township's most active citizens in public matters, paying particular attention to the educational interests and serving for fourteen years as a school director. He is a man of substance and high personal character and his election as county commissioner, in the fall of 1908, gave very general satisfaction.

In 1867, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie McNary, and they have had four children, namely: Thomas Wade, who is now deceased; Elizabeth Annetta, who is the wife of William Cameron, of South Strabane Township; William Wiley, who is a civil engineer, is connected with the Pittsburg Railway people, at Homestead, Pa.; and Ella Jane, who is the wife of Stephen W. Miller, of Amwell Township. Mr. Smith and family are member of the United Presbyterian Church at Washington, and he is serving on its board of trustees. The family home is situated at No. 53 North McKennan avenue, Washington.

JAMES McBURNEY MOORE, M.D.,\* of Midway, Pa., was born March 6, 1861, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa. He is a son of J. S. and Margaret (McBurney) Moore, the latter of whom was a daughter of James and Jane (Acheson) McBurney, and the former a son of John and Margaret (Mytee) Moore, natives of Ireland.

The father of Dr. Moore was born in Chartiers Township, Washington County, in 1820, and was young when his parents brought him to Mt. Pleasant Township. He was educated in the subscription schools. In 1860 he was married to Margaret McBurney and they settled on a farm. Their children were: James McBurney; Jessie; John T.; Jennie C., who formerly was a teacher in the public schools and now is the wife of Thomas B. McNary; Joseph S.; and Mary E., who is the wife of John Marple. The parents of Dr. McBurney were members of the Chartiers Presbyterian Church. In politics the father was a Republican.

James McBurney Moore attended first the country schools near his father's farm, and afterwards became a student at the Canonsburg Academy, paying his own expenses for three years by working after school hours. He began his medical reading in 1880, with Dr. J. H. Christy, of Paris, Hanover Township, this county, and in 1883 entered Cleveland Medical College, where he was graduated February 25, 1885. He began practice at Florence,

in Hanover Township, where he remained for six years, and then came to Midway, where he has remained ever since.

Dr. Moore first married Miss Mary McCready, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Anita) McCready, formerly of Oakdale, Pa. Of that union three children were born: Ola Winnifred, who died March 21, 1894; James Moses, who is also deceased; and Margaret June. Dr. Moore subsequently married Miss Alice Moses, who was the youngest born to her parents, who were Rev. John and Nancy Moses. Rev. John Moses was the organizer of the Baptist Church at Midway and was pastor there for twenty-five years. Dr. and Mrs. Moore have one daughter, Carrie Angeline.

WILLIAM THOMAS WHITLEDGE,\* a prominent real estate dealer, and respected citizen of Donora, Pa., was born January 1, 1852, on his father's farm in Henderson County, Ky., and is a son of John F. and Elizabeth (Snypes) Whitledge. The parents of our subject were both born and reared in North Carolina, and shortly after their marriage moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, where they became the owners of several farms. Mr. Whitledge served as sheriff of Webster County, Ky., previous to the war, after which he became a Republican and strong Union man. His death occurred in Kentucky at the age of seventy-two years; his widow died in 1906 at the home of her daughter in Kentucky. They reared seven children, the three eldest daughters marrying cousins, namely: Mary, who married Carrol Lysle (both deceased); Jane, the deceased wife of Robert Lysle; Nancy, who married Frank Lysle (both deceased); William Thomas, our subject; John; Libby, who married Thomas Wahl; and Maggie, the widow of Daniel Blunt.

William T. Whitledge was reared on the farm in Henderson County, Ky., attended the district schools of the township, and in early manhood entered the office of Dr. Samuel Campbell, who was located near Dickson, Ky. In 1871 he entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, Ky., and after his graduation embarked in the practice of medicine in Union County, that State, continuing for three years. He then gave up his practice on account of ill health, and went to Florida, where he was engaged in the real estate business for about twenty years. Losing considerable money during the severe winter of 1894 and 1895, in 1898 he came to Washington County, Pa., locating at Finleyville, where he was engaged in the real estate business until 1900. The town of Donora being laid out at that time he purchased land there during the opening week, and has since erected twenty-four buildings, including four business blocks.

Mr. Whitledge was married March 2, 1889, to Jessie Morrison, who was born in Pittsburg, Pa., and is a

daughter of Newton and Hester (Frye) Morrison, both of whom come of prominent families of Washington County. Mr. and Mrs. Whitledge have five children—Thomas, Jessie, Bentley, Jerome, and Marjorie. Mr. Whitledge is a Republican and has served as a member of the Donora Council.

HON. D. M. PRY,\* a representative citizen of Burgettstown, where he performs the duty of a notary public and engages in the fire insurance business, was born in Cross Creek Township, Washington County, Pa., June 16, 1842, and is a son of Abraham Pry.

Mr. Pry was educated in the schools of Cross Creek Township and at Cross Creek Academy, and was twenty years of age when he enlisted, in 1862, in the 140th Pa. Vol. Inf. He served from July in that year until August, 1865. He took an active part in a large amount of the serious fighting of that period and on May 12, 1864, received a painful flesh wound, at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House. After his patriotic duty was done and his military life was closed, he returned to the farm in Cross Creek Township, on which he resided for two years and then moved to Burgettstown. On March 1, 1868, he embarked in the general mercantile business at Burgettstown and continued until 1885, when he retired in order to accept the office of county recorder, in which he served for three years, residing during this time at Washington. He returned to Burgettstown in 1888 and resumed mercantile business and continued for ten years more, when his election to the State Legislature, in 1899, again interrupted his business career and he sold his store. He has been one of the county's most active and influential Republicans. For eight years he was a justice of the peace and for thirty-five years has been in official life, serving two terms as chairman of the Republican County Convention.

In 1865, Mr. Pry was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Rea, who died in 1877. She was a daughter of John Rea, of Cross Creek Township. In 1885 Mr. Pry married secondly Miss Mary G. Lee, a daughter of Robert Lee. His four children, all born to the first union, were: Nora L., who married George M. Blair; Jennie O., who married Rev. J. R. Baker, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mary G., who married S. A. Hammond, of Indiana; and Edwin B., who married Jennie Park, now deceased. Mr. Pry was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for a period of thirty-two years and in 1878 he was a member of the General Presbyterian Assembly of Pennsylvania.

ELLIS M. LILLEY,\* who has been assistant cashier of the People's Bank, of California, Pa., since 1902, comes of one of the old established families of Pennsylvania, and was born September 26, 1871, in Fayette Coun-

ty, just across the river from California, Pa., and is a son of Thomas W. and Mary Louisa (Marchand) Lilley.

Ellis M. Lilley was reared on the farm in Fayette County and after a preliminary education attended the State Normal School at California, and also spent one year at Mt. Union College, at Alliance, Ohio. He returned to his father's farm and remained until 1902, when he accepted his present position as assistant cashier of the People's Bank, of California. Mr. Lilley is a member of the Council of California, having been first appointed to fill a vacancy for one year, and in 1907 was elected for three years. Mr. Lilley owns part of the home farm, which consisted of 150 acres, but disposed of part of his interest to the Lake Erie Railroad.

Mr. Lilley was united in marriage with Eva Linton, who is a daughter of Oliver M. Linton, of Centerville, Pa., and they have one child, Oliver Linton Lilley. His fraternal associations are with the B. P. O. E. and the Masons of Charleroi.

S. D. MINTON,\* who has been a resident of Washington for the past seven years, occupying his handsome home which is situated at No. 328 Allison avenue, for some twenty years or more has been a large farmer and extensive live stock raiser and shipper. He was born in Morris Township, Washington County, Pa., in 1852, and is a son of G. W. and Eliza Jane (Day) Minton.

The father of Mr. Minton was born in Morris Township, Washington County, in 1811, and died in the same place in 1894. He engaged in farming and stock raising and was a man well and favorably known all over the county. He was active in politics and served in a number of township offices. He married Eliza Jane Day, a daughter of L. F. Day, an old pioneer of the county. They had eight children born to them, the survivors being: Collins, residing at Akron, Ohio; John, a farmer, residing in Greene County, Pa.; S. D., of Washington; George L., also residing at Washington; Lee, conducting a hotel at Beaver Falls, Pa.; and Sarah and Edith, both residing in Morris Township. One son, Dr. Bradley, died from the effects of blood poisoning.

S. D. Minton was reared and educated in Morris Township and spent many busy years on his own farm near Prosperity before coming to Washington in 1902. He was married November 14, 1879, to Miss Cora Belle Day, who was born at West Windsor, Ohio, a daughter of Artimus Day, a native of Washington County, and a granddaughter of Luther Day, a pioneer settler. To Mr. and Mrs. Minton four children have been born: Helen, Bradley, Josie E. and Harold, all residing at home. The family attend the Central Presbyterian Church. In politics, Mr. Minton is a Republican and while not very active in public matters, has always shown an interest in those things which concern good citizens.

GEORGE L. McKEE, M. D.,\* who has a well established medical and surgical practice at Burgettstown, Pa., and is thoroughly identified with the best interests of the borough, was born at Pittsburg, Pa., September 24, 1877.

Dr. McKee was educated in Allegheny County, attending the McDonald School and Oakdale Academy. He then engaged in teaching and during the two years which he devoted to this profession he did his preliminary medical reading. In 1898 he entered the Medical College at Pittsburg, from which he was graduated in the class of 1903. For two years he was engaged in practice at Bulger, in Washington County, and then came to Burgettstown where his ability as a surgeon and physician have been abundantly recognized.

On September 6, 1905, Dr. McKee was married to Miss Nellie McFarlane, a daughter of D. N. and Elvira McFarlane, and they have one daughter, Frances. Dr. McKee and wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Democrat and is a useful member of the school board, of which he has been treasurer since June, 1909. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

GEORGE ALBERT WATKINS,\* one of the leading grocers and enterprising business men of Donora, Pa., who has been a resident here since 1901, was born January 9, 1879, in Columbiana County, Ohio, and is a son of James A. and Elizabeth (Sharp) Watkins.

James A. Watkins, who was born and reared near Pittsburg, Pa., removed to Columbiana County, Ohio, when a young man and was there married to Elizabeth Sharp, a daughter of Sampson Sharp, who was engaged in the coal and coke business. In 1855 he returned to Pennsylvania with his family and located at Port Royal, Westmoreland County, where he entered the employ of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal Company as superintendent of the Euclid and Cradmore mines. He later became superintendent for H. K. Wick and since retiring from the mines has been located at Monessen, Pa., where he is now serving as justice of the peace. His marriage with Elizabeth Sharp resulted in the following issue: George Albert, our subject; Anna Bella, deceased; Bertha, who is the wife of Lawrence Gess; and James S.

George A. Watkins spent his early boyhood days in Columbiana County, Ohio. About 1886 he came with his parents to Pennsylvania and obtained his educational training at the Academy at West Newton. When a young man he and his father operated a grocery store at Port Royal for some time, after which he was manager for the Federal Supply Company at Andersonville, Pa., until 1901, when he came to Donora and bought out the Donora Supply Company. He then embarked in the grocery business at his present location on McKean avenue, where he has established an extensive and successful business.

Mr. Watkins was married in 1903 to Elizabeth Conlson, a daughter of E. Coulson, and they are the parents of three children: Albert, George and Mary E. Mr. Watkins holds fraternal relations with the B. P. O. E. and the Masons, while he is politically identified with the Republican party.

JOHN B. MURPHY, oil producer, who has been a resident of Washington for the past twenty-three years, is identified with a number of the city's successful business enterprises. He was born at Rome, N. Y., in 1859, and in boyhood was taken to Bradford, Pa.

Mr. Murphy was seventeen years of age when he first entered the Bradford oil fields and has been a producer in the various oil districts, operating very extensively during the past two years in Illinois and operated extensively also in Washington County during oil excitement here. He has had experience in the oil fields of Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In addition to his large oil interests, Mr. Murphy is vice-president and a director of the Washington Ice Company and also of the Crescent Brewery Company.

In 1889, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Anna G. Means, who was born and reared at Washington, and they have three children: Katherine, Olla and Williard. Mr. Murphy and family are members of the Catholic Church. He is identified with the fraternal order of Elks. He is not an active politician but takes a good citizen's interest in the welfare of this section.

JOHN E. McCARDLE,\* postmaster and one of the pioneer grocers of Charleroi, Pa., was born January 21, 1855, at Triadelphia, Ohio County, W. Va., and is a son of Philip and Eliza (Garrison) McCardle, the former of whom is still living at Triadelphia, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The mother died in 1896.

John E. McCardle was reared in Triadelphia, where he attended the common schools and spent some time working on a farm. He subsequently learned the manufacturing of stogies, then in partnership with S. C. McCoy, now a resident of Washington, he ran a stogie factory for two years, at the end of which time they disposed of the business. Mr. McCardle opened a grocery store at Triadelphia, where he remained four years. In the spring of 1891 he came to Charleroi, shortly after the town was laid out, and embarked in the grocery business at the corner of Fourth street and Fallowfield avenue, where the same year, he erected a frame building, which he now leases to J. E. Masters, who purchased his grocery stock in 1907. Mr. McCardle's store is the oldest grocery in Charleroi; he employed eighteen clerks, and without doubt, commanded the most extensive patronage of any grocer on the Monongahela River. Mr. McCardle succeeded John B. Branegan as postmaster of Charleroi,

having assumed the responsibilities of that office July 1, 1909, and is assisted by Dennis A. Oates, who was appointed by our subject.

Mr. McCardle served one term on the Charleroi Council, and is fraternally a member of the Elks, is president of the Elks Club of Charleroi, and is also affiliated with the Masons, the Knights Templar, and the Shriners. Mr. McCardle was married to Julia A. Miller, of Triadelphia, W. Va., and her death occurred June 5, 1907.

C. W. PHILLIPS,\* an enterprising business man of Washington, Pa., who is engaged in tin, slate and galvanized roofing, has been a resident of this city since 1893. He was born in Greene County, Pa., in 1875 and when about twelve years of age came to Washington County with his parents, who located at Beallsville, where he was reared and educated. He worked at his present business in Beallsville for about one and a half years, after which he came to Washington and was engaged in the same business with I. J. Dickson from 1893 until 1898. He then enlisted in Co. H, 10th Pa. Reg., and served in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War, being mustered out in September, 1899. Upon his return to Washington after the war, he entered the employ of G. W. Hays & Co., with whom he remained until December, 1900, when in partnership with John C. Knox, he embarked in his present business. The following August Mr. Phillips bought Mr. Knox's interest in the business, since which time he has successfully conducted the business alone. Mr. Phillips was married in 1904 to Lyda B. Webb, of Homestead, Pa., and they have one son, John Floyd Phillips.

WILSON LEVI ARNOLD,\* an enterprising young business man of Canonsburg, junior partner of the firm of Rickley & Arnold, dealers in wallpaper, paints, varnishes, oils, glass, etc., was born in Canonsburg, Pa., August 18, 1876, and is a son of John Marshall and Triphena (Smith) Arnold.

Levi Arnold, his paternal grandfather, was a tailor by trade, and has been dead for many years, as has also his wife Jane. They had these children: John M.; Pershing, who died in Canonsburg; Levi, who was killed in the army during the Civil War; Nettie, the wife of Rev. Rennick, of Edenboro, Crawford County, Pa.; Sarah, residing in Canonsburg; and Mary, of Pittsburg, the widow of Dr. Clark. Samuel Smith, the maternal grandfather of Wilson L. Arnold, was a resident of Canonsburg for many years, and Vine and Smithfield streets included a part of his property, which was also located on the present site of the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Company. He was three times married, and died in 1903 in Canonsburg, aged ninety-six years. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Arnold are now living in Canonsburg,

the former being sixty and the latter fifty-six years of age. Both are natives of this place, where Mr. Arnold was for many years engaged in harness making. They have had five children: Samuel, a resident of South Canonsburg, who married Vina Hurley; Wilson Levi; Eva, the wife of Herbert McDonald, residing in Canonsburg; William, who married Bertha Smith; and Howard, a resident of Cleveland, who married Mary Duncan.

Wilson Levi Arnold received his education in the public schools of Canonsburg, after leaving which he learned the painter's trade with J. Mark Templeton, at which he worked until February, 1907, when the firm of Rickley & Arnold was established, H. G. Rickley being Mr. Arnold's partner. Both men are experienced in this line of work, and their business being the only one of its kind in Canonsburg, they have all the business they can handle. They make a specialty of contract work, and this necessitates the hiring of several workmen.

In December, 1903, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage with Martha Fulton, daughter of William and Tama (Crawford) Fulton, of North Strabane Township, farming people, and to this union there has been born one daughter: Tama Triphena, November 5, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are members of the Greendale United Presbyterian Church. He was reared a Democrat, but votes according to his opinion as to the fitness of the candidate for the office.

JOHN N. MONTGOMERY,\* one of Claysville's representative and substantial citizens, who has been a director in the Claysville's National Bank since its organization, owns two fine farms, one of 128 acres situated in East Finley Township and one of the same acreage in West Finley Township. He was born in East Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., March 18, 1845, and is a son of Jesse and Catherine (Sprowls) Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery can claim Irish ancestors on both sides of his family. His father, Jesse Montgomery, was born in East Finley Township, but his grandfather, Hugh Montgomery, was a native of Ireland. The mother was also born in East Finley Township and was a daughter of Arthur and Catherine Sprowls. These families were among the very early settlers in East Finley Township. Of the children born to Jesse Montgomery by his two marriages, the following survive: John N., of Claysville; James and Hugh, both of Morris Township; Jesse M., of East Finley Township; Ruth, of Cowley County, Kas.; Andrew J., a Presbyterian minister at Oregon City, Ore.; and Alexander, residing at Washington.

John N. Montgomery was reared and educated in East Finley Township and for a number of years followed farming and stock raising there and in West Finley

Township. In the spring of 1907 he came to Claysville, where he has resided ever since, but he still retains his land. He is a Republican in politics and has served four years as a school director in Donegal Township.

Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss Grace Clark, of Washington County, and they have one son, John N., who is employed as bookkeeper for the Pennsylvania Bridge Company at Claysville. Mr. Montgomery and family are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and are among the most respected residents of the borough.

THOMAS D. GLADDEN,\* who is one of the representative citizens of McDonald, Pa., where he owns valuable real estate, is also proprietor of a well improved farm of 158 acres which is situated in Cecil Township. He was born in Allegheny County, Pa., January 13, 1882, and is a son of James R. and Sarah A. (McConnell) Gladden.

The father of Mr. Gladden was a farmer for a number of years and then retired to McDonald, where he engaged in the mercantile business for some time prior to his death, which occurred in 1898. His widow survives and makes her home with her son, Thomas D., who is the youngest of the family, the others being: Mary, who is the widow of James Crane, and lives at Jamestown, N. Y.; and Joseph, who is engaged in lead and zinc mining in Illinois.

Thomas D. Gladden attended the public schools in Washington County and then took a course of two years at Trinity Hall, Washington, after which he assumed agricultural duties and has made farming the main business of his life. In June, 1904, Mr. Gladden was married to Miss Louise La Vie, who is a daughter of Philip and Mary (Bess) La Vie, residents of McDonald. The other children of the La Vie family are, Wilt, George W., Marie, Louis and Edward. Marie is the wife of F. A. Thomassy. Mr. and Mrs. Gladden have three children, James Donaldson, George Douglass and Richard Louis. In politics Mr. Gladden is identified with the Democratic party. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH NOBLE YOHE,\* who is engaged in conducting a meat market at Monongahela City, Pa., has been a lifelong resident of this city, having been born here November 17, 1862, a son of David and Martha J. (Porter) Yohe. He is a grandson of Daniel Yohe, a native of Germany, and one of the early settlers of Washington County, Pa.

David Yohe, who was born at Valley Inn, Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa., was reared on the farm and later engaged in the grocery business at Monongahela City, which was then known as Williamsport.

During the years 1867 and 1868 he was the only German-speaking merchant in the Monongahela Valley and had the entire trade of the German element. Mr. Yohe continued in the grocery business throughout his entire active career. He passed out of this life at the age of seventy-three years. He was united in marriage with Martha J. Porter, who comes of the old Porter family, which was one of the prominent pioneer families of Washington County. David and Martha Yohe became the parents of the following children: Clemmons; Catherine, deceased; Joseph N., our subject; Edward, deceased; and Charles A.

Joseph N. Yohe was reared in Monongahela City, where at an early age he began working in the old brick yard. He later became a clerk in the store of G. T. Scott, with whom he remained until his death, and then spent eight years as a clerk in the grocery store of A. D. Scott. About 1877 he purchased the meat market conducted by Samuel T. Robinson in the Nelson Building, where our subject continued the business with success until 1895, when he removed to his present location on the east side of Main street, in 1903 purchasing\* the building from William Blackenbuhler.

Mr. Yohe was married in August, 1882, to Fannie Berry, who died two years later, leaving one daughter, Blanche Lee. On November 16, 1890, Mr. Yohe contracted a second marriage with Lillian Wilson. Mr. Yohe is fraternally affiliated with the B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias and the Jr. O. U. A. M., all of Monongahela City, and is one of the four living charter members of the latter order. He has never drawn a sick benefit. Mr. Yohe is an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

**WILLIAM WINTON WILLIAMS,\*** who for the past three years has been manager of the California Plumbing & Builders Supplies Company, which was established at California, Pa., by his father in 1900, was born at Belle Vernon, Pa., and is a son of James P. and Maggie B. (McKean) Williams.

James B. Williams was born in Belle Vernon, Pa., and was for many years a steamboat captain on the Monongahela River, and in 1896 located at California, Pa. He continued on the river until 1900, when he established the California Plumbers & Builders Supply Company, of which he was manager until the time of his death at California, in 1905. James B. Williams married Maggie B. McKean, a daughter of Samuel McKean, of Fern Cliff, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: S. E. Fleming, of California, Pa.; Nellie; William W., the subject of this sketch; Florence; Beatrice; Cora, and one deceased.

William Winton Williams is one of the rising and

successful young business men of California, and for the past three years has been the manager of the business established by his father in 1900, the business being owned by himself and the other members of the family. Mr. Williams holds membership with the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Royal Arcanum.

**B. B. FIGLEY,\*** a substantial citizen of Burgettstown and the junior partner in the firm of J. C. Fulton & Co., dealers in flour, grain and feed, at this place, was born at Steubenville, Ohio, February 13, 1879.

Mr. Figley was educated in the schools of Hanlin Station and Burgettstown, Washington County, and immediately after leaving school, entered into his present business connection. The firm owns two warehouses and he has a separate interest in one of them. He is also a stockholder in the Burgettstown National Bank.

On May 24, 1898, Mr. Figley was married to Miss Bertha M. Karns, a daughter of A. D. Karns, and they have three children, Thelma, Helen and John. Mr. and Mrs. Figley are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He votes with the Democratic party, but is in no sense a politician, merely an active, upright citizen, who has the best interests of his town at heart.

**H. J. McLAUGHLIN,\*** secretary and superintendent of the Star Brewing Company, at Washington, is a resident of twenty years standing, but he was born at Butler, Pa., in 1879.

Mr. McLaughlin was ten years old when he came to Washington and here he obtained his education. Immediately after leaving school he became associated with the Star Brewing Company, entering the offices as a clerk and through the intervening positions has advanced until he was made secretary and superintendent in 1906. The business done is one of large volume and employment is afforded many men.

On November 26, 1902, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Eleanor Boyd, a daughter of the late Jesse Boyd, and they have three children, Mary Ellen, Margaret Almarine and John Henry. Mr. McLaughlin and family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is identified with the order of Eagles.

**SAMUEL J. CLOKEY,\*** a prominent farmer of North Strabane Township, comes of a family long established in this township. He was born on his present farm and is a son of Joseph and Jennie (White) Clokey.

James Clokey, his great-grandfather, came to Washington County in 1812 and bought the George Van Eman farm of 310 acres. The stone residence on the farm was erected by Mr. Van Eman in 1805, and has been occupied by the Clokey family until the present year, when the new brick residence was erected by the





JAMES SIBERT GROUP



subject of this sketch. The farm has always descended from father to son, and Samuel Clokey, a son of James, and grandfather of the present owner, was owner of the farm for many years. The village of Clokeyville, which once contained a tavern, postoffice, blacksmith shops and stores, was named in his honor, and a postoffice was established about 1860 and continued until 1902 with Joseph Clokey, father of Samuel J., as postmaster. The next owner of the farm was Joseph Clokey, who was married in 1878 to Jennie White, and resided on the homestead until his death September 18, 1904. His wife died in 1885, leaving three children—Ethel R., who married Shirley McBurney, of Washington, Pa.; Elizabeth A., who resides on the homestead; and Samuel J., subject of this sketch. Joseph Clokey married the second time in 1887, Lucille E. Toyabee, of Brownsville, Pa., who still survives him and resides on the homestead.

Samuel J. Clokey, who was educated in the common schools and at a business college at Washington, Pa., succeeded to the Clokey farm at the death of his father, and has been a successful farmer and stockman, making a specialty of Red Polled cattle and Black Top Merino sheep. Mr. Clokey was married January 10, 1909, to Maude Munce, a daughter of Miller and Elizabeth Munce, of North Strabane Township. Mr. Clokey is a Republican in politics and the members of the family hold membership with the Pigeon Creek United Presbyterian Church.

JAMES SIBERT, a respected and esteemed resident of Washington, Pa., residing at No. 142 West Wheeling street, is a member of W. F. Templeton Post, G. A. R., having served as a soldier in the Civil War. He was born in Greene County, Pa., in 1833, and was three months old when his parents moved to Amwell Township, Washington County. They were Isaac and Phebe (Tressler) Sibert, farming people. Three of their five children reached maturity, namely: James; George, a farmer in West Bethlehem Township; and Nancy.

James Sibert grew up in Amwell Township, attended the district schools and helped his father in farming and stock raising and later learned the carpenter trade and subsequently combined both. He gave considerable attention to raising Merino sheep. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Co. D, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., under Capt. Silas Parker. After a period of hard service he became ill and was discharged for disability. He was never wounded, but for eighteen months after his return, his emaciation was such that he could only be moved in his bed, with the sheets. He recovered slowly but subsequently regained his normal health and resumed his former occupations.

Mr. Sibert was married (first) to Elizabeth Dalrymple, who died in 1879. Eight of the ten children born to

that union still survive, namely: James, who is a farmer in Illinois; John C., who is a farmer in Amwell Township; Isaac, who resides at Scenery Hill; Miller, who lives in Washington; Sarah Jane, who resides at Waynesburg; Maggie, married, who lives in Ohio; and Louise, who is the wife of Frank Guyman, of Lark, Pa. Mr. Sibert was married (second) to Eliza Jane Zimmerman, who died in April, 1903. Of the eight children born to the second union, four survive, as follows: Charles, residing at Washington; Elizabeth, wife of A. F. Ballentine, a glass blower with the Hazel Atlas Glass Co., of Washington; Martha, wife of Clyde Williard, tinner, at Washington; and Russell, who is also with the Hazel Atlas Glass Company, of Washington. Mr. Sibert is one of the pillars of the Baptist Church known as the North Ten-Mile Church.

ALLISON AARON ROWE,\* a leading citizen of Canonsburg, who is identified with oil production, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., four miles north of Greensburg, March 21, 1858, and is a son of Simon P. and Mary (Portzer) Rowe.

The parents of Mr. Rowe were both born in Westmoreland County. The father was of English ancestry and lived in Westmoreland County all his life, dying in 1901, aged sixty-six years. The mother was a daughter of Josiah Portzer, who was a native of Germany and was an early settler in Westmoreland County. She survived until her eightieth year, dying September 12, 1909. Four children were born to Simon P. and Mary Rowe, namely: Wilson; Josephine, who is now deceased (married first Charles Weaver, and second, Jerry Linn); Allison A.; and Emma, who is now deceased, who was the wife of William Tate.

Allison Aaron Rowe attended school at Franklin, Pa., and when seventeen years of age entered the oil business, beginning at the bottom and learning every detail. He worked first at Bradford, Pa., then returned to Franklin for some years and served as superintendent of the Pennsylvania Natural Gas Company until it sold out to the Philadelphia Company. For fifteen years he was superintendent of the same with office at Canonsburg and since then has been an oil operator. He has been very successful in his undertakings in this direction and has large oil interests both in Ohio and in West Virginia. He has been a resident of Canonsburg for twenty-two years and is thoroughly identified with the best interests of the city, being a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Rowe married Miss Annetta Adams, a daughter of James and Susan (Waldron) Adams, the latter of whom survives, being now in her eighty-ninth year. The Waldrons came to America from Holland in 1650, and came early to Pennsylvania. The father of Mrs. Adams

served under Commodore Perry in the War of 1812. The Adams family came to Canonsburg about the time of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are members of the Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. He is identified with the Elks and politically with the Republican party.

J. N. SPROWLES, M. D.,\* physician and surgeon and one of Claysville's most valued citizens, has been in continuous medical practice in this place since 1877 and is numbered among the leading medical men of Washington County. Dr. Sprowles was born in West Finley Township, Washington County, Pa., September 14, 1852, and is a son of John and Mary A. (McMay) Sprowles.

The Sprowles family was established in West Finley Township by the grandfather of Dr. Sprowles, who was a native of the north of Ireland. John Sprowles, father of the doctor, was born after his parents settled in Washington County. His life was devoted to agriculture and his death occurred some years since. He married Mary A. McMay, who was born in Greene County, Pa.

The boyhood of Dr. Sprowles was spent on his father's farm. He attended the public schools and in order to provide for his medical course, upon which he resolved early, he worked on the homestead and taught school, exercising prudence and economy until he gained his ambition. He was a student for a short time at Oberlin College and later entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which famed institution he was graduated March 10, 1877. At that time Claysville seemed to offer a promising field for a young practitioner and here he settled and ere long had formed the pleasant ties of friendship with its good people and had gained a satisfactory practice, and these conditions have not only continued but increased. He would be missed, indeed, should anything remove him from the people with whom he has been so closely associated for thirty-two years. He is a valued member of the Washington County Medical Society, of which he has been president, and belongs also to the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and to the American Medical Association. He is the local surgeon for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at this point.

On March 7, 1878, Dr. Sprowles was married to Miss Margaret M. McLain, a daughter of Hon. J. R. McLain, of Claysville, and they have one son, George M., who is a student at Washington and Jefferson College. Dr. Sprowles has always given hearty support to Republican policies. He is a Presbyterian and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Claysville.

ROBERT P. STEVENSON, justice of the peace at Burgettstown, Pa., and a representative citizen of Washington County, of which he was auditor for two terms,

was born on his father's farm in Smith Township, Washington County, Pa., October 24, 1851. His parents were John and Harriet (Smith) Stevensou.

John Stevenson was a man of prominence in Washington County for many years. His father was one of the early settlers in Smith Township, where he was born, November 15, 1804. He attended Jefferson College and then taught school, subsequently following the milling business and also becoming a civil engineer. He was elected a justice of the peace and was looked up to by his fellow citizens as a leader. In 1856 he wrote the original constitution, which is still in use, without change, for the Union Agricultural Association of Burgettstown, and in the same year took up his residence in this borough. In his early political convictions he was a Whig, but later thoroughly identified himself with the Republican party. He served in numerous local offices and one term as county auditor. He married Harriet Smith, a daughter of Robert Smith, of Bloomfield, Ohio, and they had eight children, there being three sons yet living. The death of John Stevenson occurred August 7, 1862, and his grave may be found in the old Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Burgettstown. He was a man of sterling character and many stories are yet told of his honesty and methods of dispensing justice in his official capacity. His widow still survives and lives at Burgettstown.

Robert P. Stevenson spent his school days in Smith Township and in early manhood started to teach school and finding pleasure, inspiration and profit in the work, continued in the profession for a period not less than thirty years, six of which were spent in Allegheny County. To fill up his time between school terms, Mr. Stevenson began writing up fire insurance and now has a good business in that line. In 1886 he organized the Normal School at Eldersville. For two years he served as president of the Agricultural Association and is now its secretary, and he is also clerk of the borough Council and its treasurer. He has numerous other official positions, being secretary of the school board, secretary of Fairview Cemetery Association and secretary of Lodge No. 1145, Odd Fellows, at Burgettstown. He is also agent for the Pittsburg and Erie Coal Company, is a stockholder and director in the Burgettstown National Bank, has many and almost constant duties as justice of the peace, and together with all these is auditor of the First Presbyterian Church and teaches in the Sunday school. Mr. Stevenson is past grand master in the Odd Fellows lodge at Burgettstown, is senior warden in the Masonic lodge, and is a member of the order of Rebecca and also of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of strong and reliable character and in no way is this more clearly proved than the confidence which his fellow citizens have shown in continually electing him to offices of trust and responsibility.

MATTHEW C. HERRON,\* general superintendent of the Catsburg and the Black Diamond Mines at Monongahela City, was born May 25, 1858, on a farm in Allegheny County, Pa., son of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Cane) Herron.

Thomas Herron, who was born and reared in Ireland, came to this country when a young man, and located near Pittsburg in Allegheny County, where for thirty years he was superintendent of the Fort Pitt Coal Company. He was married at Boston, Mass., to Sarah Jane Cane, who was also born and reared in Ireland, and of their union were born seven sons and two daughters.

Matthew C. Herron was reared on his father's farm in Allegheny County, and attended the district schools until about sixteen years of age, when he began working in the mines and has been employed at mining ever since. He was for two years superintendent of the Enterprise mine for I. V. H. Cook, and when the Pittsburg Coal Company was organized became foreman of their mine, also serving in that capacity at the Allison mine and elsewhere. In 1908 he came from the Camden mine and accepted a position as general superintendent of the Catsburg mine and the Black Diamond mines along the Monongahela River, making his residence in the large house which the company owns at Catsburg.

On January 4, 1883, Mr. Herron was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Carroll, who was born at Coal Bluff, Washington County, Pa., a daughter of John Carroll, who was one of the early merchants at Riverview, Pa. Of their union were born the following children: John, who married Jennie Welch and has three children, Irene, Cecelia and Ruth; Mary, Matthew, Margaret, William, Frances, Edmond, Agnes, Joseph and Irene. In politics, Mr. Herron is identified with the Republican party. He belongs to the B. P. O. E. at Monongahela City and the Knights of Columbus at Monessen, Pa. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church.

L. FRANK BAKER,\* president of the Baker & Jackman Company, who carry on an extensive real estate, loan, investment and insurance business at California, Pa., was born May 12, 1869 on a farm in West Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa. and is a son of Louis F. and Mary (Dorsey) Baker. The mother of our subject died in April, 1892, and the father is a resident of California, Pa.

L. Frank Baker attended the district schools of West Pike Run Township and remained on the home farm until May, 1900, then came to California, where on January 1, 1900, he had established in partnership with Mr. Jackman their present real estate and insurance business. The company which is known as the Baker & Jackman

Company is incorporated with a capital stock of \$35,000 with L. Frank Baker as president; C. H. Drum, vice president; Mr. Jackman, treasurer; and Richard Hawthorne, secretary.

Mr. Baker was joined in marriage with Emily F. Johnston, a native of Ireland, who came to Washington County, Pa., at the age of eleven months, with her father and mother, Thomas Johnston and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have two children, Robert and Harold. He holds membership with the Elks and the Masons, and is recognized as one of the leading business men of California.

GEORGE A. THOMPSON,\* secretary of the Washington school board and an active business citizen, has been identified with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company for nearly a quarter of a century, holding a position as gauger. He was born, reared and educated in Erie County, Pa., before coming to Washington, in 1887, he taught school.

Mr. Thompson takes an active interest in civic affairs and has rendered useful service in connection with educational matters, being now in his third year as a member of the school board, of which he is secretary; he also served one year as treasurer of that body. For many years he has been prominent in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Sunset Lodge No. 623 and is past master of the same. He belongs also to Washington Chapter No. 150, being high priest of this chapter; is a member of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3; also of Washington Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, and of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia.

In 1889 Mr. Thompson was married at Washington to Miss Emma McQuay, of this city, and they have a daughter, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Second Presbyterian Church at Washington.

OLIVER S. SCOTT,\* an able young attorney of Monongahela City, Pa., whose offices are located in the Alexander Bank Building and the First National Bank Building at Donora, Pa., was born November 9, 1870, at Monongahela City, Pa., son of George T. and Mary (Lindsay) Scott. He is a grandson of Moses Scott, who was one of the early settlers of Washington.

George T. Scott was born in Washington, Pa., and previous to the Civil War came with his parents to Monongahela City, where for many years he was engaged in the grocery business. He married Mary Lindsay, who was born and reared in Washington, Pa., and is still living, a resident of Monongahela City. She is a daughter of Oliver Lindsay, one of the pioneers of Washington County, and was one of the early school teachers of Monongahela City. George T. Scott and his wife were the parents of four children, namely: Luella M.; Oliver

Stansberry, the subject of this sketch; George W.; and Mary L., who is the wife of Joseph A. Huffman. Mr. Scott died in 1880.

Oliver S. Scott grew to manhood at Monongahela City, where he attended the common schools and the high school. During his senior year in the latter he entered the office of the county prothonotary as a clerk and was subsequently made deputy prothonotary under E. R. Dean. After spending five years in that office, he followed in the real estate and insurance business until 1896, during which time he prepared for the primaries of law, which he took in 1896. He disposed of his real estate and insurance business, and in 1898 was mustered in the 10th Pa. Vol. Inf. as battalion adjutant and second lieutenant. During his service in the Spanish-American War, he was stationed at Manila for almost one year (lacking eleven days), and was made regiment adjutant with the rank of first lieutenant. At the close of the war he returned to Washington County and entered the office of McCracken & Bacon, prominent attorneys of Washington, Pa., and under their preceptorship, was admitted to the bar January, 1901. That same year, he opened his present offices at Monongahela City and Donora, Pa., and has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Mr. Scott, who is a Republican in politics, has served two terms as treasurer of Monongahela City, and is at present solicitor for Donora. He holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order. He resides at No. 506 Main street.

T. C. BEBOUT, one of the leading funeral directors of Washington, Pa., who has been a resident here since 1893, was born at Amity, Washington County, Pa., in 1858. He is a son of James A. and Elizabeth Jane (Sharp) Bebout and a grandson of Nemmons Bebout, who was one of the pioneers of Washington County. James A. Bebout was a native of Amwell Township and was engaged as an undertaker and cabinetmaker at Amity during the greater part of his life. He was a member of Co. D, 140th Pa. Vol. Inf., and was killed in the second day's battle at Gettysburg, during the Civil War.

T. C. Bebout was reared at Amity, where he attended the public schools and early in life learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked for about eighteen years. In 1893 he came to Washington, where he and his uncle, M. Sharp, engaged in the furniture business, to which they later added an undertaking establishment, operating under the firm name of M. Sharp & Company. Seven years later the firm was succeeded by Hallam & Bebout, which partnership continued for five years, when it was dissolved, Mr. Bebout retaining the

undertaking establishment, of which he has been sole owner since. Mr. Bebout is one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of Washington, and is interested in other enterprises of this city, as well as having an interest in considerable real estate of this city.

Mr. Bebout was first married to Mary A. Gaus, who died in 1888, and they had two sons, James M. and N. Raymond, both of whom are associated with their father in the business. He formed a second marital union with Elizabeth VanDyke. They are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Mr. Bebout is fraternally a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. F., Tribe of Ben Hur, and the Home Guards of America, U. S. Grant, No. 80. Mr. Bebout has served as a member of the borough council.

JAMES H. ROBB,\* who resides on a farm of sixty acres, located about one mile from McDonald, Pa., has for many years been one of the substantial farmers of Robinson Township, and was born on his present farm in the old stone house which was erected by his grandfather in 1813. He is a son of James and Ellen (Henry) Robb. His parents were farmers of Washington County and their children were: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Henry C. McEwen; Margaret, who died aged seventeen years; James H., the subject of this sketch; William S., who served three years in the Civil War, enlisting in August, 1862; George; and Jane Ellen, who is the wife of James Moorehead.

James H. Robb was reared on the home farm and attended the common schools of the township, but early in life began working on the farm. He followed agriculture until about ten years ago, since which time he has been engaged chiefly in carpentering. Mr. Robb is a Republican in politics, is one of the school directors of Robinson Township, and has served a term of three years as road supervisor.

February 11, 1868, Mr. Robb was united in marriage with Elizabeth Bell, a daughter of Richard Bell, who was one of the prominent farmers of Entram, Ohio. The following children were born to her parents: Henry; Alexander, who was a United Presbyterian minister; John; James; William; Jennie, deceased wife of Snowden Linn; Martha, deceased; Amanda, who married a Mr. Boyd; Margaret; and Elizabeth, (Mrs. Robb) who is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Robb were born three children: Clyde B.; James Henry, Jr., who is engaged in the oil business in California, Pa.; and Martha Jane, who is the wife of Arthur Smith. Mrs. Robb passed out of this life in September, 1904, and was buried in the Hilldale Cemetery, which is located on the Robb farm. She was a devoted member and earnest worker in the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Robb is also a mem-

ber of the United Presbyterian Church at McDonald, Pa. Mr. Robb has three producing oil wells in operation on his farm.

E. G. MCGREGOR,\* postmaster at Burgettstown, Pa., has spent almost his entire life in this pleasant borough and is known to almost every resident. He was born at Florence, Washington County, Pa., June 6, 1875, and is a son of S. C. and Sara Jane (Culley) McGregor. The father of Mr. McGregor was of Scotch ancestry. He was born at Noblestown, Allegheny County, Pa., but later moved into Washington County, where he became a man of both business and political prominence, serving as county treasurer. He engaged in merchandizing first at Noblestown, subsequently at Florence and still later at Burgettstown. His death occurred at the latter place in April, 1903. He married Sarah Jane Culley, a daughter of Robert and Amelia (Grant) Culley. She died in March, 1902.

E. G. McGregor was educated at Burgettstown and then went into his father's store, assisting him until 1902, and closing out the business after the father's death. Since April 1, 1901, Mr. McGregor has been postmaster at Burgettstown and has made a very good impression as a public official.

On November 18, 1903, Mr. McGregor was married to Miss Ada L. Dowden, a daughter of D. J. and Caroline (Garrison) Dowden, and they have two children, J. Bradley and Mary Edna. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor attend the First Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, having passed the chairs in Richard Vaux Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 654, Burgettstown. He belongs also to Silver Cliff Lodge No. 300, Knights of Pythias, and to William S. Bradley Camp No. 96, Sons of Veterans. In politics he is a Republican and has kept in close touch with the local leaders of the party for a number of years.

FRANK J. EGAN,\* proprietor of the National Planing Mills, with extensive lumber yards at Claysville, has been identified here since 1900, when he purchased the interests of R. G. Porter. Mr. Egan was born in Donegal Township, Washington County, Pa., February 15, 1866, and is a son of John and Mary A. (Kinsley) Egan.

The father of Mr. Egan was born in Ireland, came to America in early manhood and married Mary A. Kinsley, who was born in Washington County, Pa. Her father was James Kinsley, a well known railroad contractor. It was he who built the West Alexander Railroad tunnel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Frank J. Egan was reared in Donegal Township and attended school there, afterward working on a farm until he was twenty-two years old, when he learned the car-

penter's trade. Subsequently he went into his present business, coming to Claysville as noted above, in 1900. He has here a large and well equipped plant. In his mills he works one planer, one band-saw, one rip-saw, one cut-off-saw, one joiner, one molder, one dado machine, one sash and door machine, one sash-boxing machine and one sash and door machine. These machines represent a large amount of capital, all being of best quality and thoroughly modern construction. He has supplied the lumber and fixtures for many of the best constructed buildings at Claysville, an example being found in the beautiful and appropriate fittings of the Farmers' National Bank. He manufactures sash, doors and other building material, including poplar siding for building purposes and he employs on an average from six to eight men in the plant and lumber yard. He also handles lumber, coal, sand, gravel and brick, doing a large business in all lines. There are few busier or more progressive business men in Claysville than Mr. Egan. He has other investments than those mentioned and is one of the directors in the Farmers' National Bank, of which he was also one of the organizers.

Mr. Egan was married to Miss Julia O'Brien, who was born in Buffalo Township, Washington County, and they have four children: John F., Mary M., William J. and Julia M. Mr. Egan and family are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat and at different times has served in public offices, being a very useful member of the borough Council for several terms. He is one of the representative business men of the place.

JOHN TUCKER,\* one of Hanover Township's best known citizens, was born on his valuable farm of seventy one acres, situated in this township, in 1849. He is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Johnston) Tucker, and a grandson of Jonathan Tucker.

Mr. Tucker's parents, who came to Washington County from another part of the State, died in Hanover Township. They were very worthy people, Jonathan Tucker being a farmer. Their children were as follows: Margaret, who died young; John, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; David, who went to the West some forty years ago and has not been heard of for the past ten years; Rachel, now deceased, who was the wife of James Neely; Sarah, who married Steward Haulin; Margaret (2d), who married James Bruce; and Alfred, Hudson, Wesley and Cora, all of whom reside in Hanover Township.

John Tucker is a successful farmer and stock raiser and has been engaged in that business continuously since his school days ended. He has spent his life up to the present time in Hanover Township, owning valuable land here. The discovery of oil on his property has also

served to increase his income. He has four producing wells which flow seven barrels of oil daily. Mr. Tucker is a Republican in his political principles. He is always ready to perform any duty that good citizenship demands, except to serve in public office, to which he has such a repugnance that he asserts he would pay a fine rather than be compelled to recede from his determination in this respect.

Mr. Tucker married Miss Malissa Porter, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Fullerton) Porter, farming people of Hanover Township, both now deceased. They had three children, John, Malissa and Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have one daughter, Laura. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN N. SNYDER,\* who is a prosperous business man at Bentleyville, Pa., where he conducts a confectionery store and ice cream parlors, has been a resident of Washington County for thirty years and has been a leading citizen of Bentleyville since 1901 and very closely identified with its material progress. He was born at Laurel Point, Monongahela County, W. Va., May 30, 1851, and is a son of John E. and Julia (Hess) Snyder.

The father of Mr. Snyder was a farmer in West Virginia, where he died in 1877. His widow then came to make her home with a son in Washington County, and subsequently died at his home.

John N. Snyder was reared near Morgantown, West Virginia, and early displayed musical talent and to such a degree that when fourteen years of age he began to teach vocal music and continued for twenty-five years. He attended school at Morgantown and also kept up his musical studies, becoming a pupil of the well known Prof. W. H. S. Wilson at the Normal School at Zoar Church, Monongahela County, West Virginia. He was 27 years of age when he came to Centerville, Washington County, and the teaching of music, in which he was very successful, was his chosen profession and leading interest until he came to Bentleyville. He purchased a building which had previously been used as a blacksmith shop and thoroughly remodeled it and made a modern and convenient store of the premises, and conducts his business in this now attractive building. He also owns two residence buildings at Bentleyville and has other interests. Some six years ago he purchased seven acres of land in the borough, which he laid out in town lots and improved, and he was mainly instrumental in having a bridge built over the creek which connects these lots with the town, making this a very choice place for residence. He shows an interest in all that concerns the welfare of the town and its citizens and has standing as a reputable and substantial business man.

Mr. Snyder married Miss Belle Hamer, who was born in Fayette County, Pa., a daughter of Wellington Hamer,

a native of England. They have five children: Elvie, who married Ada Garrett, has one son, Charles; Elroy, who married Bertha Heinbaugh, has one son, Herman; and Blanche, James Russell and John Edgar. Mr. Snyder is the leader of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church at Bentleyville, in which he is an elder.

CHARLES F. THOMPSON,\* president of the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Railway Company, of Monessen, Pa., and vice-president of the Mercantile Bridge Company, has been a resident of Charleroi, Pa., since 1890, when the town was laid out. He was born on the old Thompson farm in Union Township, Washington County, Pa., January 7, 1862, and is a son of W. W. and Violet P. (Patton) Thompson. The father died in Union Township and the mother still survives.

Charles F. Thompson remained on the home farm until he was eighteen years old, in the meanwhile obtaining a public school education in Union Township. He became interested in a general store at Finleyville, where he remained four years, and during this time also was concerned in lumber, oil and gas. When he came first to the new village of Charleroi, he formed the C. F. Thompson Lumber Company, which he sold in 1897, but in 1900 he was one of the organizers of the Donora Lumber Company when that town was laid out, and continues his relationship with that concern, being its president. He is also a director in the Charleroi Bank. Since June, 1904, the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City Railway Company has been in operation, it being but partly organized when Mr. Thompson's company purchased it. This company operates also the West Side Electric Street Railway. These are large business enterprises, their success depending upon their solid financing and able management.

Mr. Thompson married Miss Mary E. McKean, a daughter of Robert McKean. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Syrian Temple, Pittsburgh, and of the Commandery at Charleroi. He is identified also with the Elks. While not an active politician, Mr. Thompson always takes an interest in the election to public office of representative, strong, vigorous and fearless men.

GEORGE COOK McPEAKE is an extensive dealer in real estate, fire, life and accident insurance, at Canonsburg, and, perhaps, more than any other one man, has contributed to the building up of the material interests of this city, where he was born October 2, 1862, and is a son of Henry C. and Martha (Bacon) McPeake.

The McPeake family was founded in Washington County by the grandparents, Thomas and Mary Anne (Updegraff) McPeake. Thomas McPeake came from



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